

FAIRY TAIL 20



Hiro Mashima Creator of *Rave Master*

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フェアリーテイル

20



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Every-
body,
do your
part!

It's
time!!!

Taurus
!!!!

Open!!!
Golden
Bovine
Gate...

Perfume of
Strength,
enact!!!!

Ngoooo
oooooo
ooooo!

Natsu!

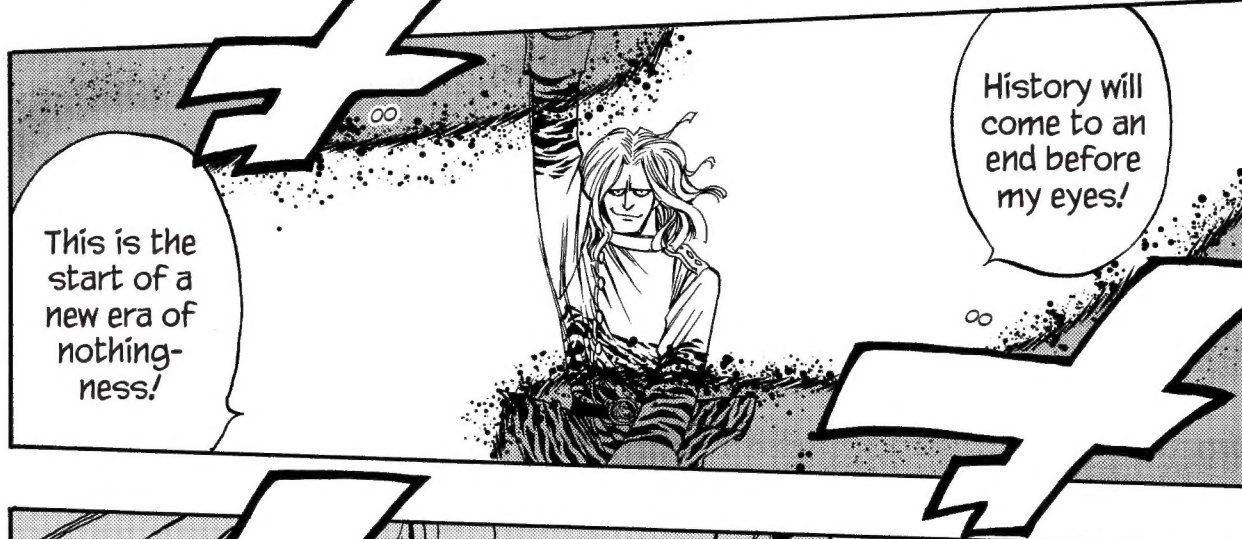
*Roar of the Sky Dragon

Tenryû no
Hôkô*...



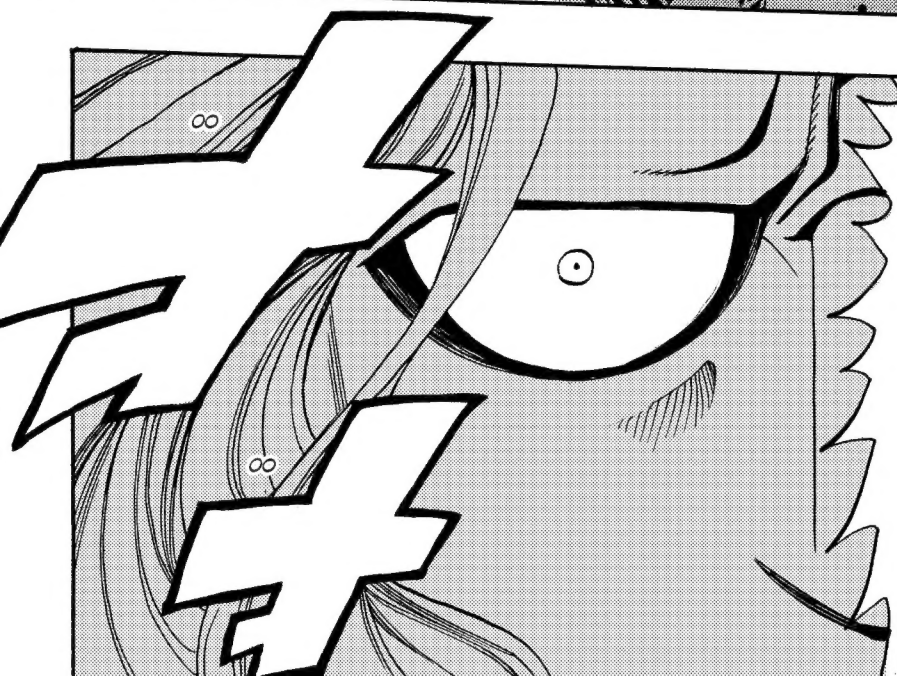


O
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h
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!!!

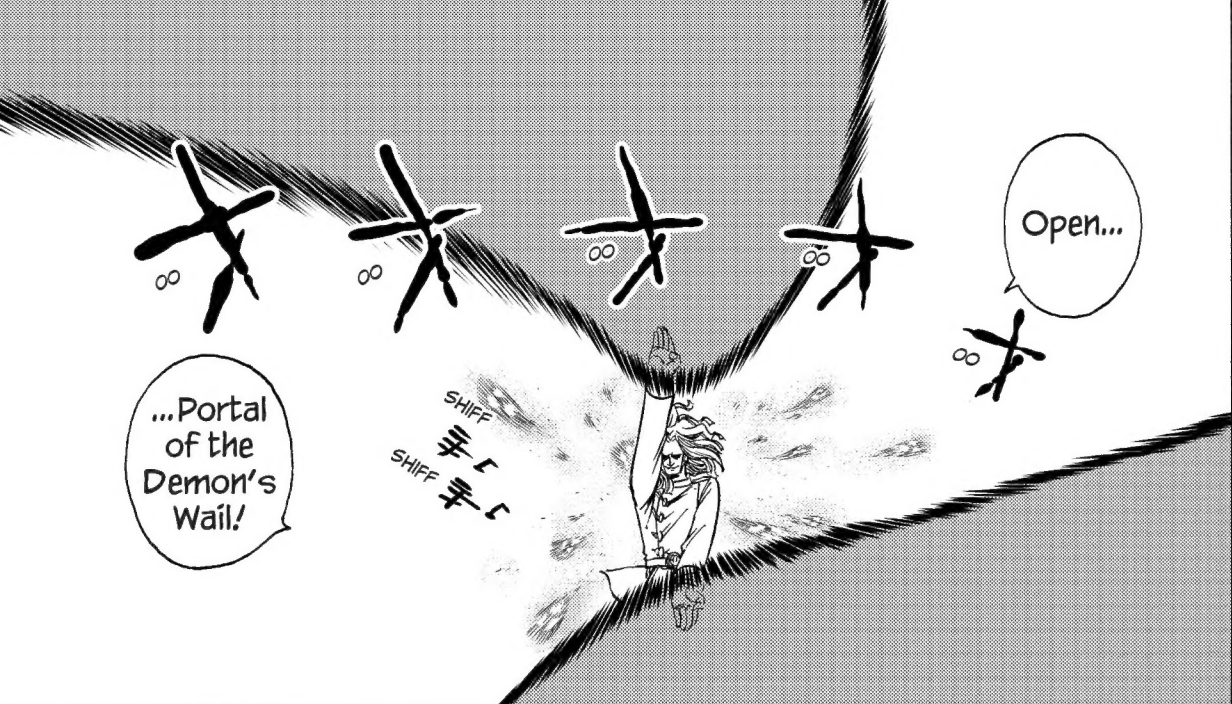


This is the
start of a
new era of
nothing-
ness!

History will
come to an
end before
my eyes!



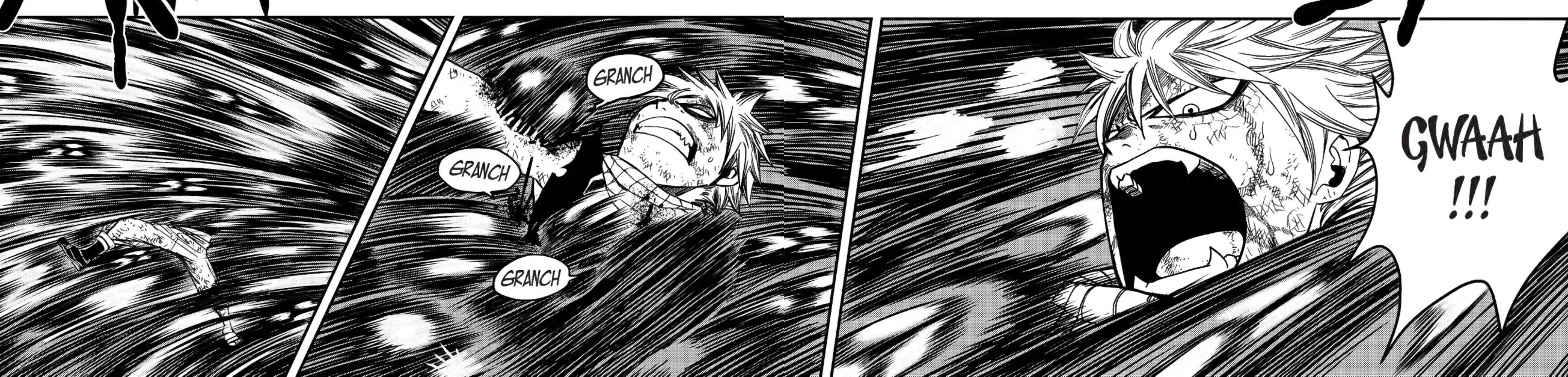
**GENESIS
ZERO
!!!!**





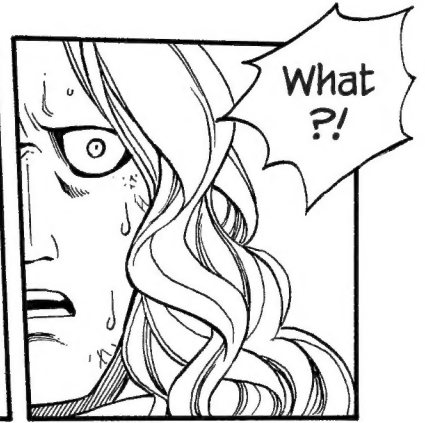
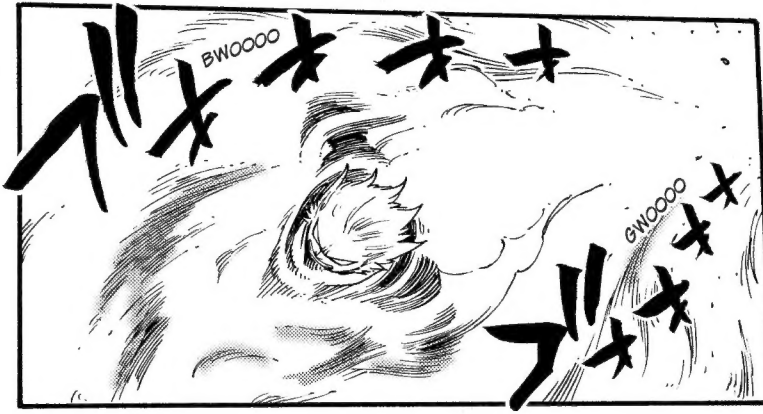
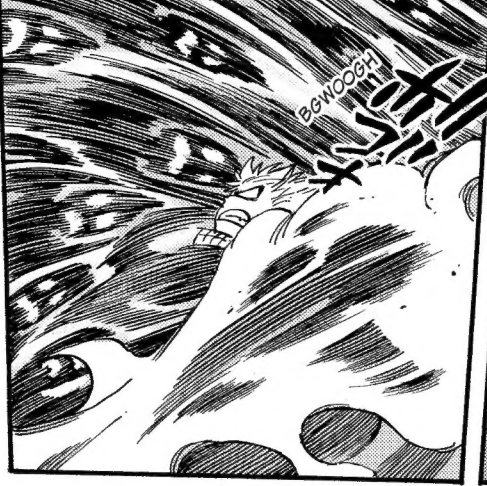
**Be
gone
!!!!**

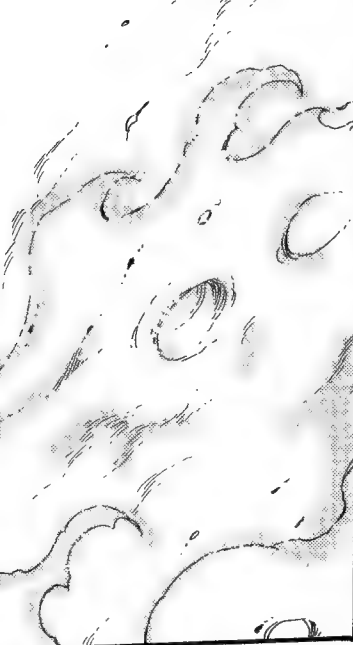
**In the
name
of
Zero
!!!**



GRANCH
GRANCH
GRANCH

**GWAAH
!!!**





That golden flame is...



O O O O O O O O !!

GM GM GM GM



A A A H H H !!!



You think you can burn my magic with that fire?!!

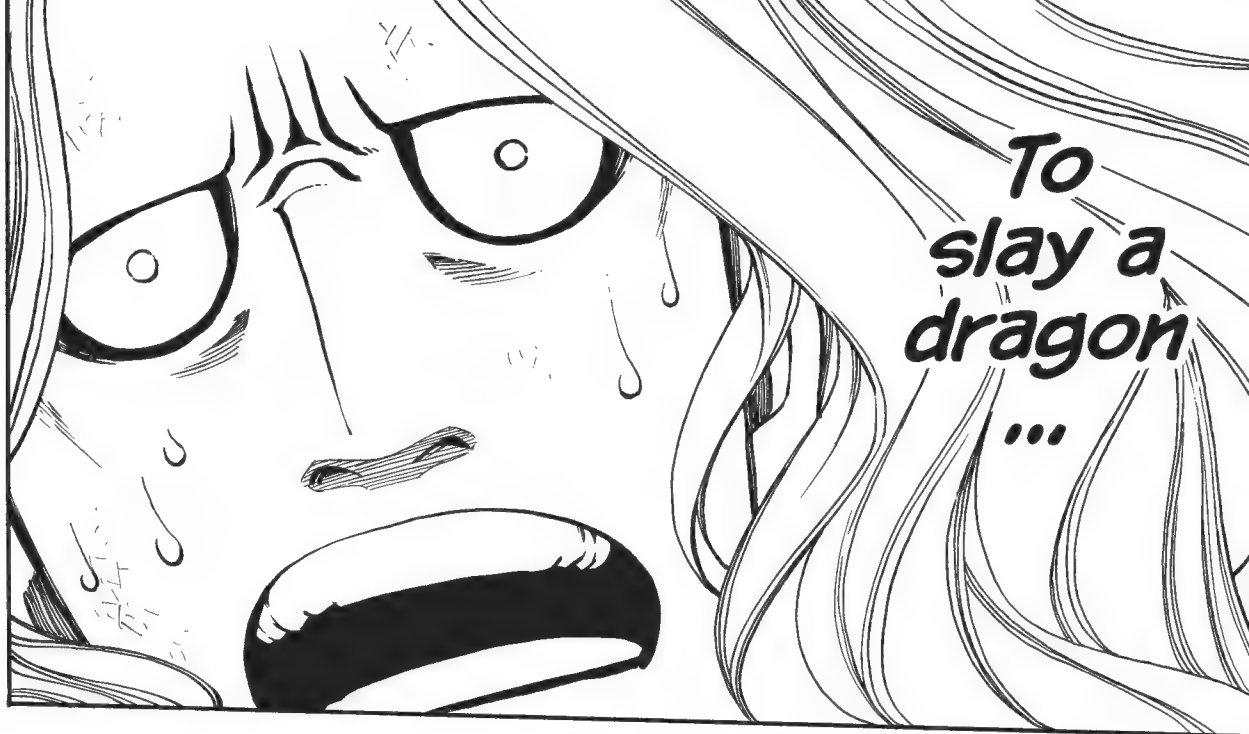


R a h h h h !!!

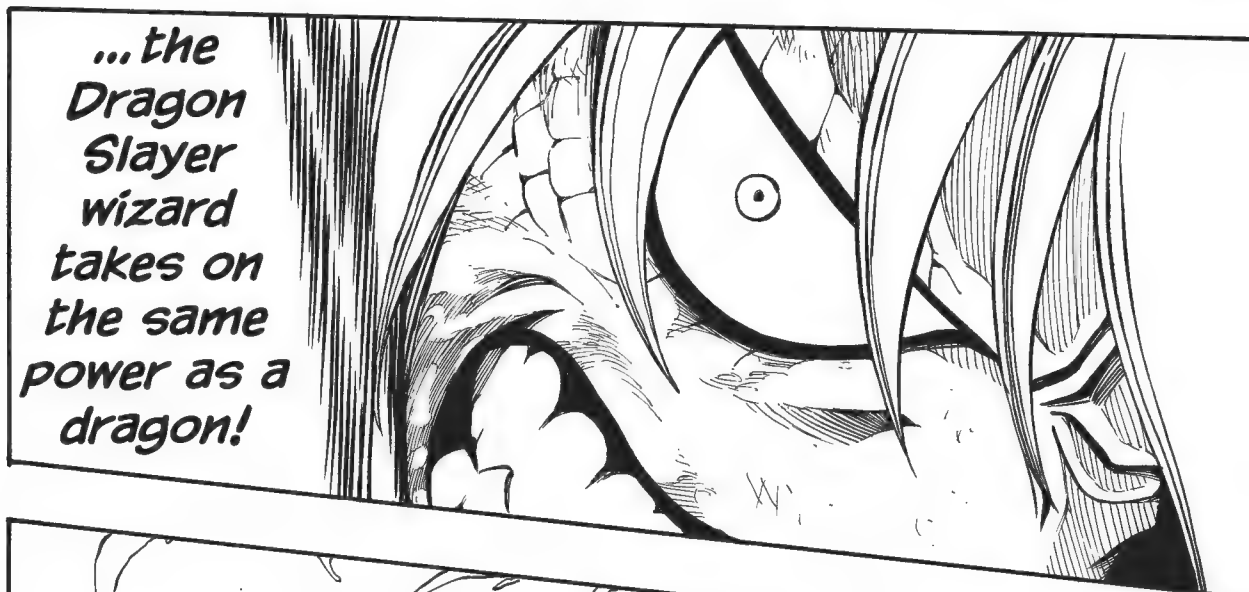


ZWASSH





*To
slay a
dragon
...*



*...the
Dragon
Slayer
wizard
takes on
the same
power as a
dragon!*



*...is
truly...*

This...



**... a
dragon
slayer
!!!!**



**Dragon
Slayer
Secret
Attack:
"Shiranui-
gata!"**



**Full
magic
release
!!!!**

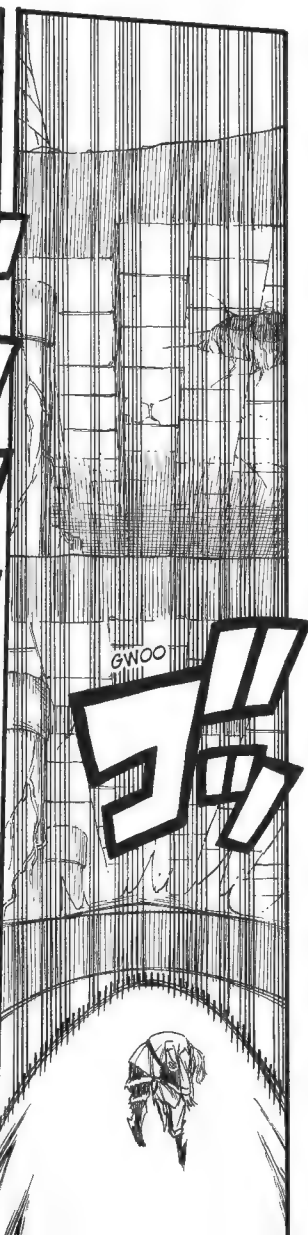
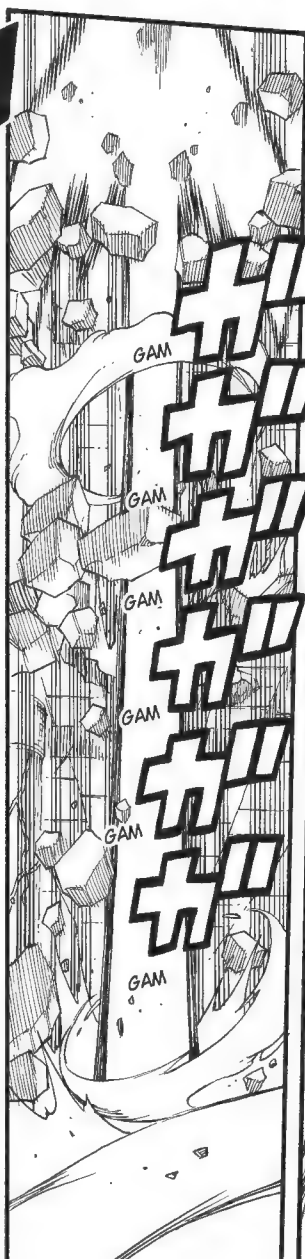
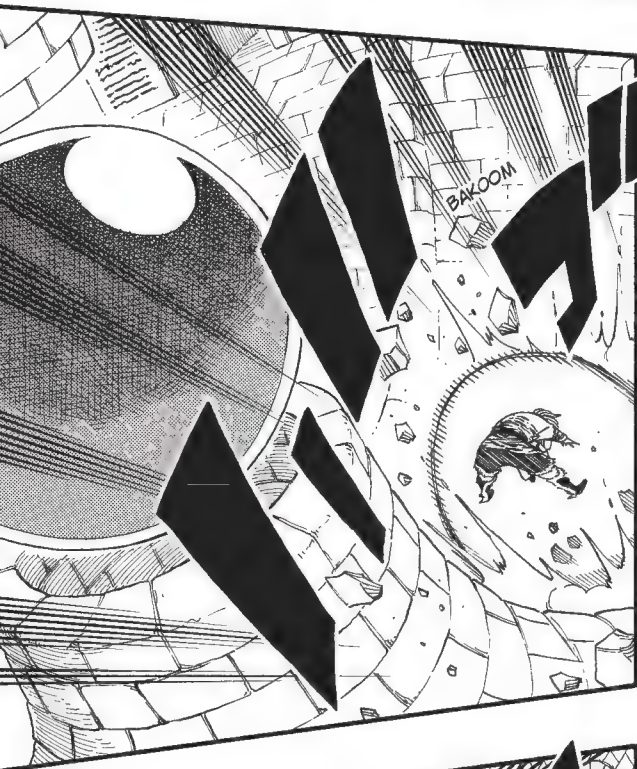
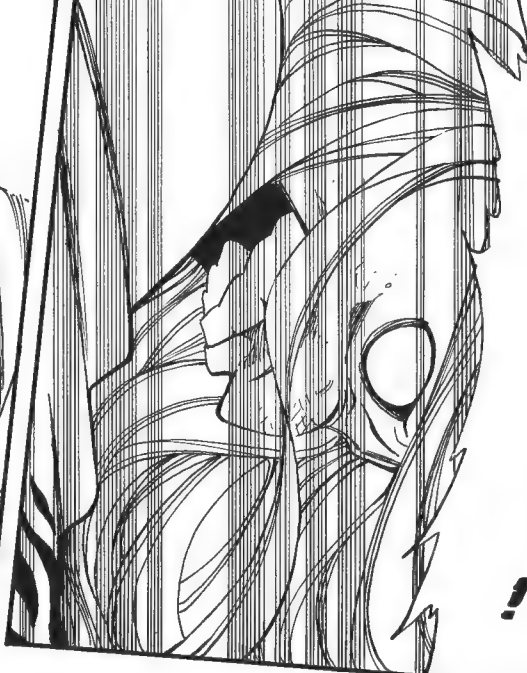
GUREN
Hôô-
KEN*
!!!!!!

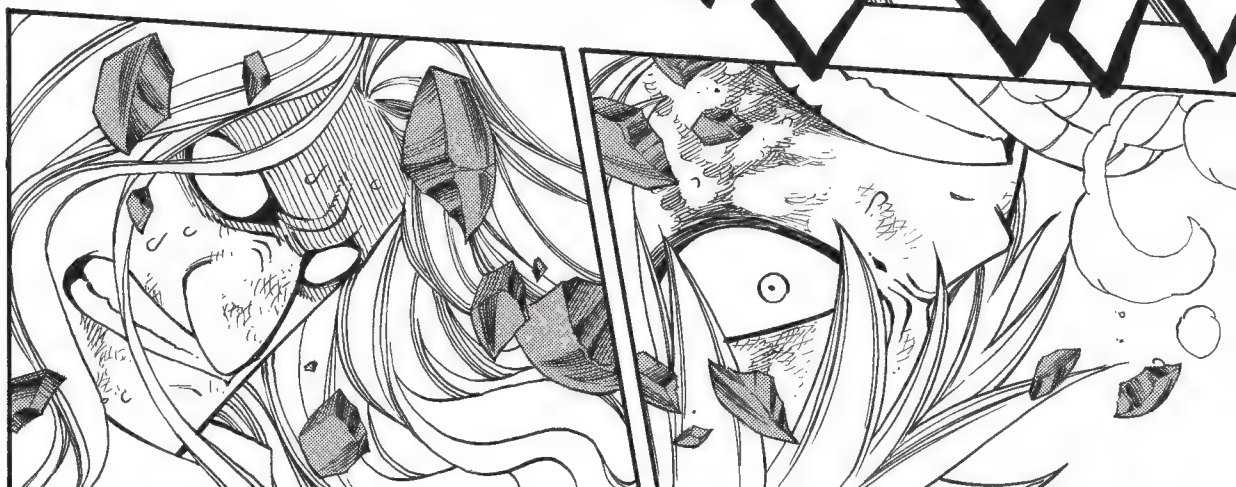
DWOOD

AAAAHHH!!!



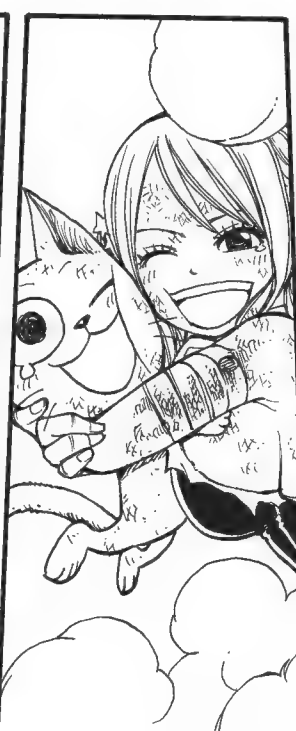
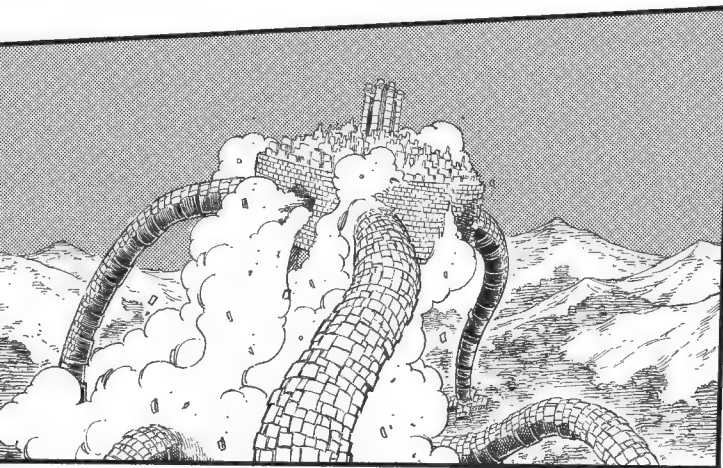
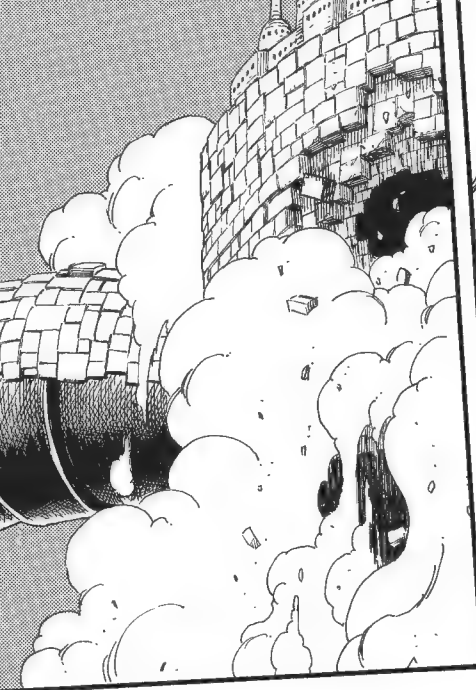
GWAAHHH!!!

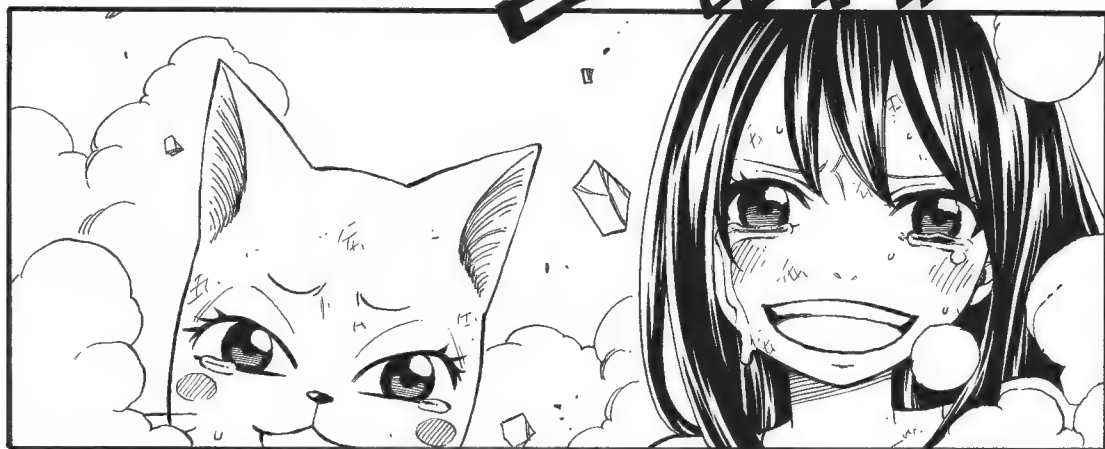








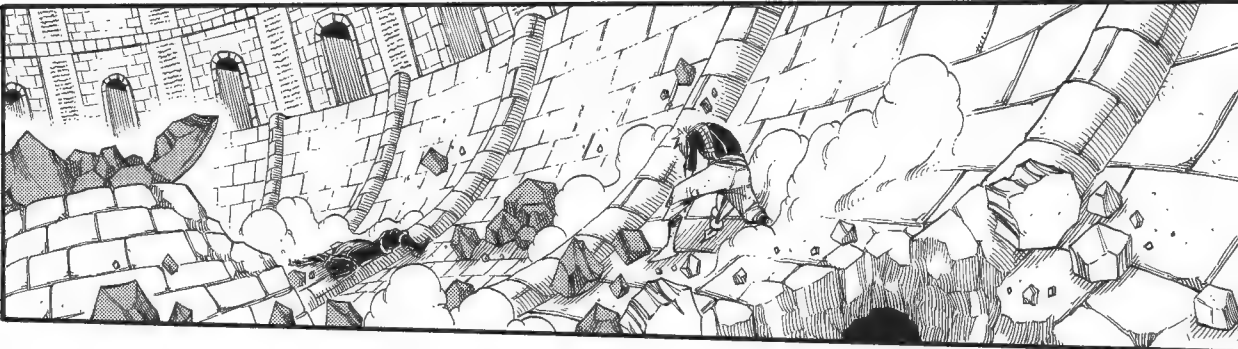
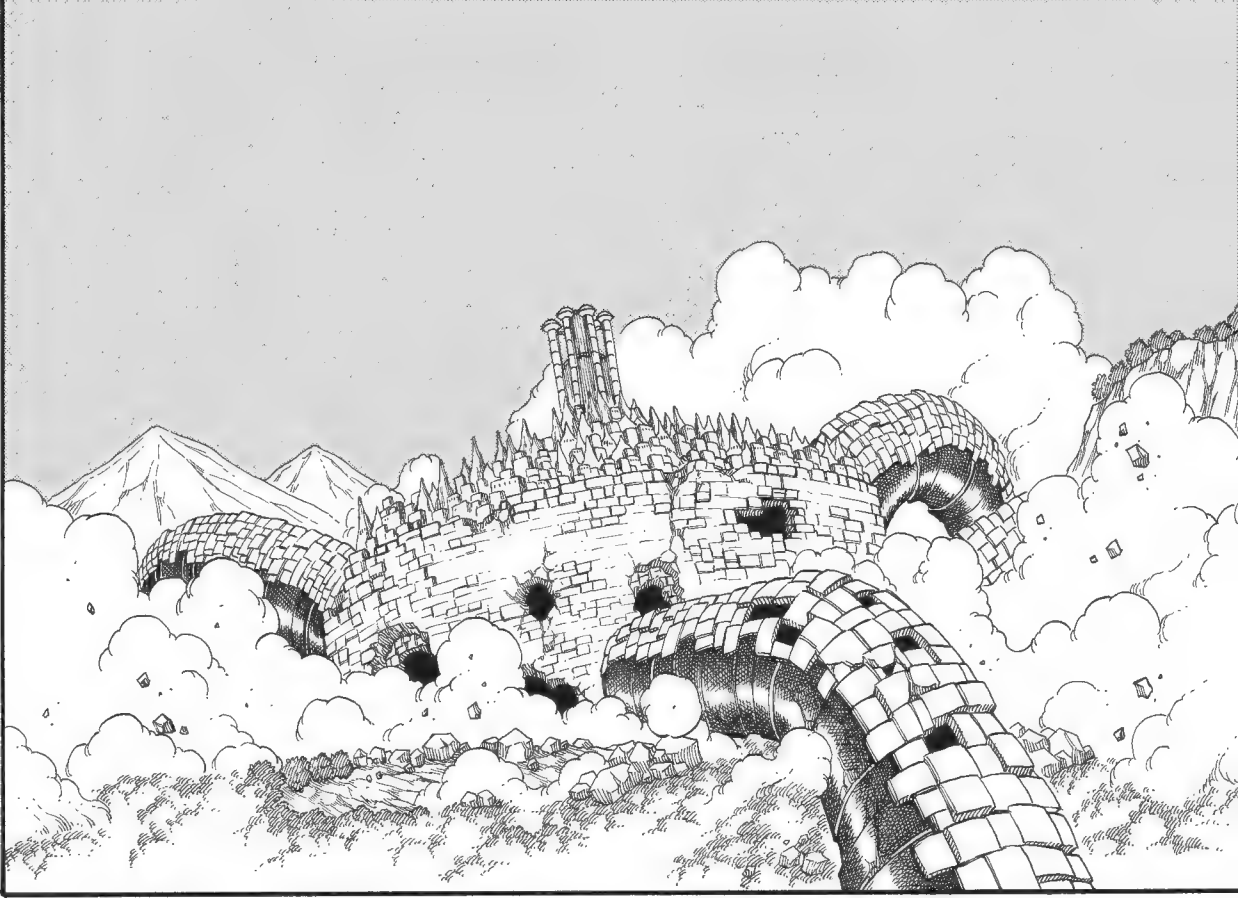


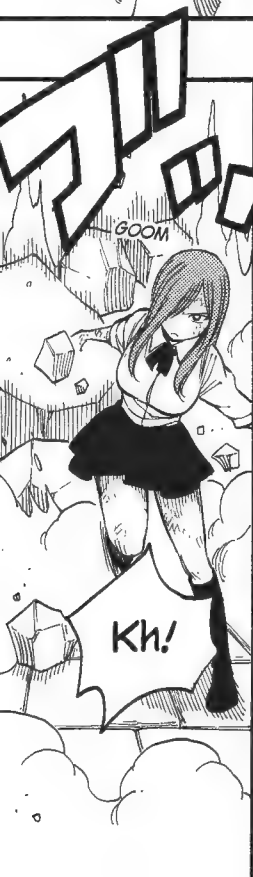


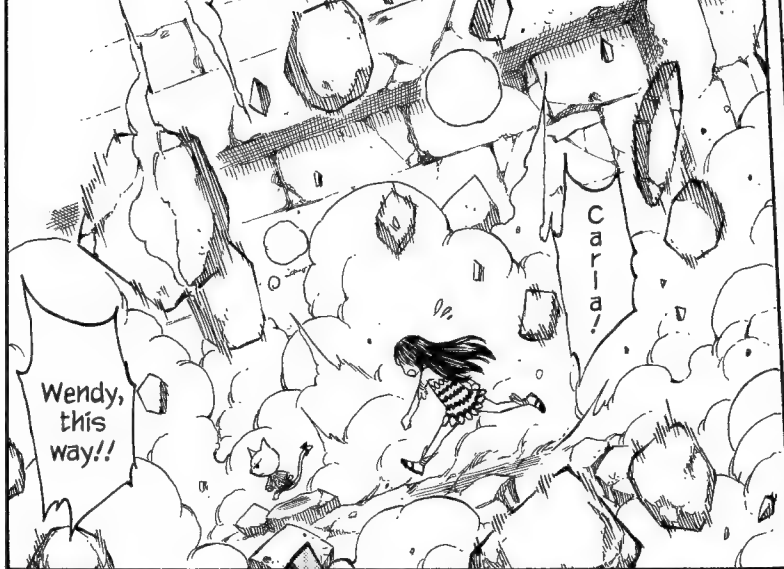
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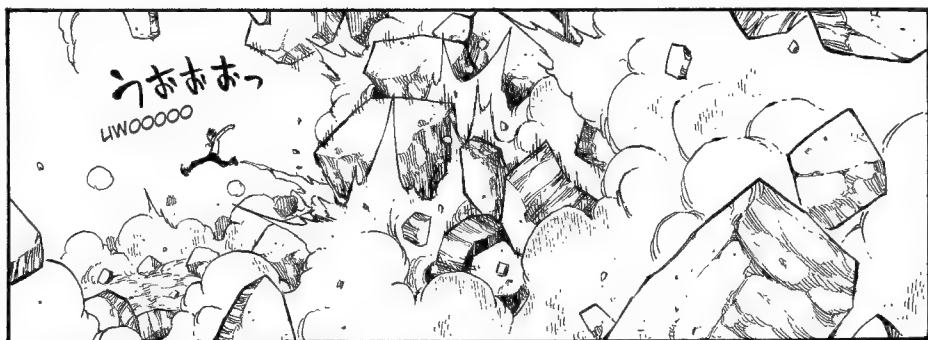


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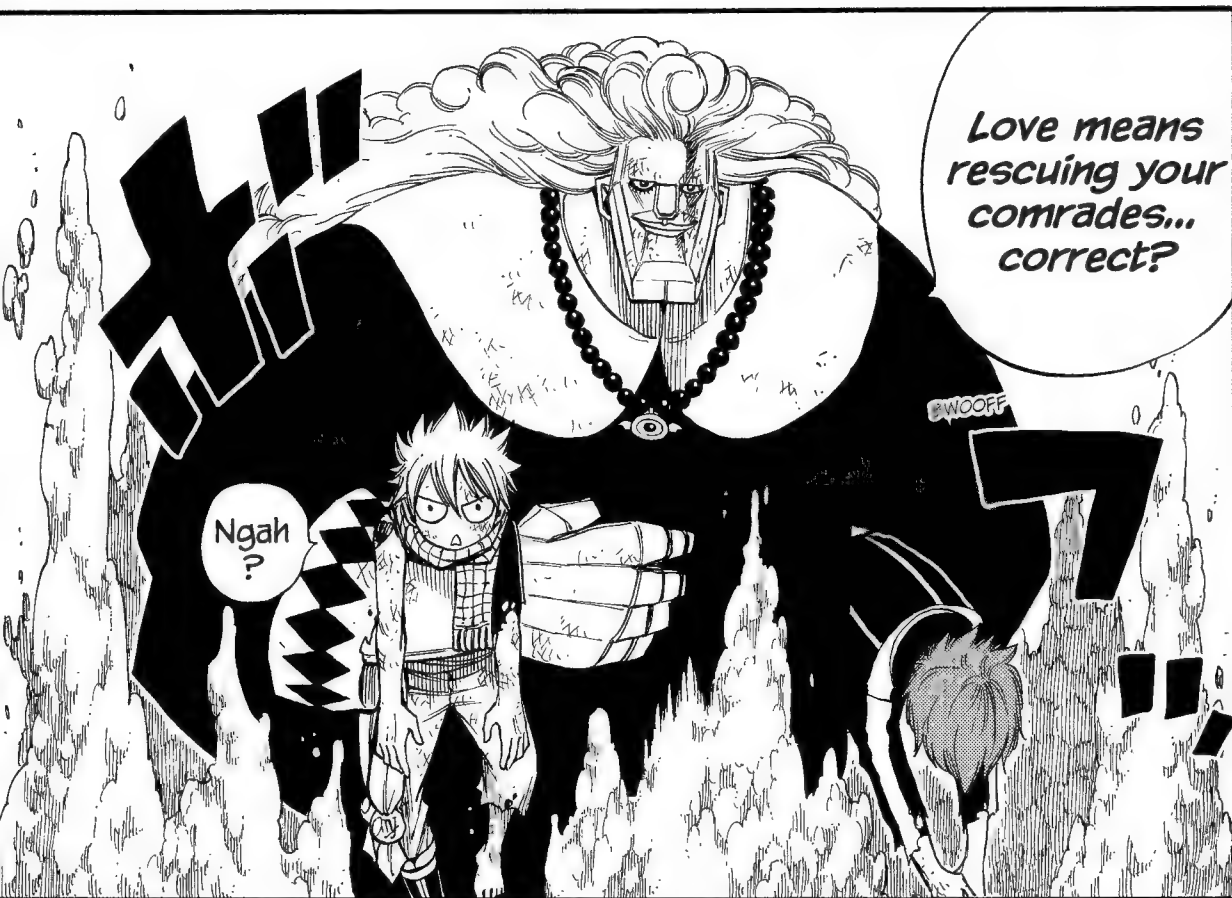
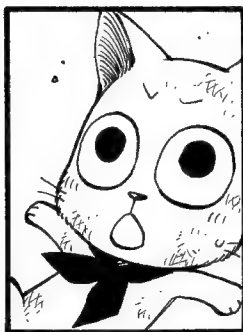








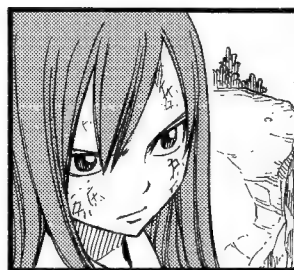
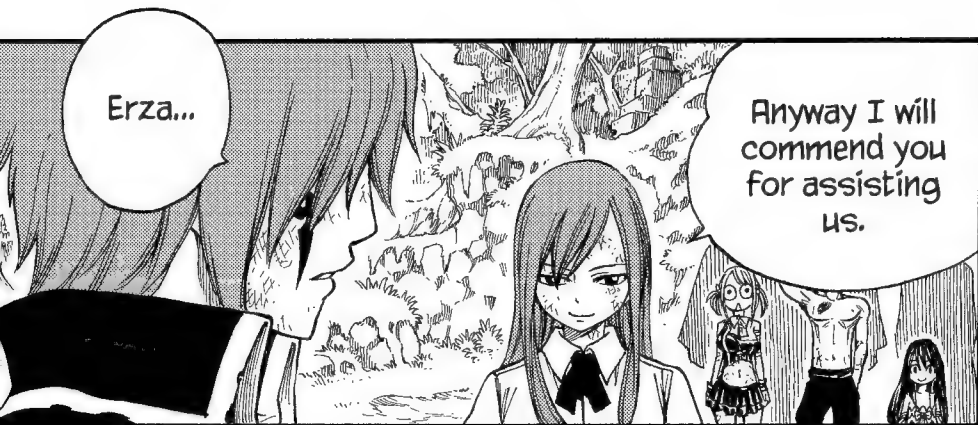














I'm
by your
side.

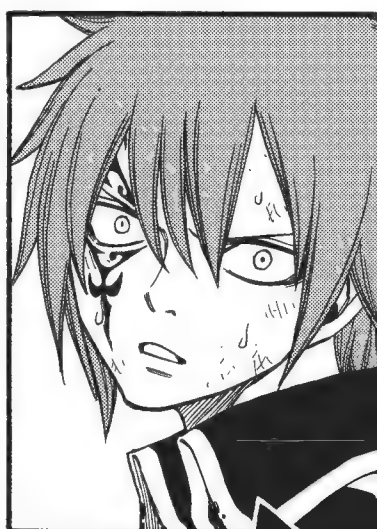


You
see, I...



We might
start hating
each other
once again,
but...

...I
certainly
cannot
leave
you...



I-I've
seen
these...

There are
things
like runes
on the
ground
...

I thought
I'd test the
bathroom
perfume when I
struck some-
thing...

What
is it,
Mister
?



Meen!





I am the
commander
of the Fourth
Regiment Arrest-
and-Custody
Division for
the New Magic
Council.

My
name is
Lahar.



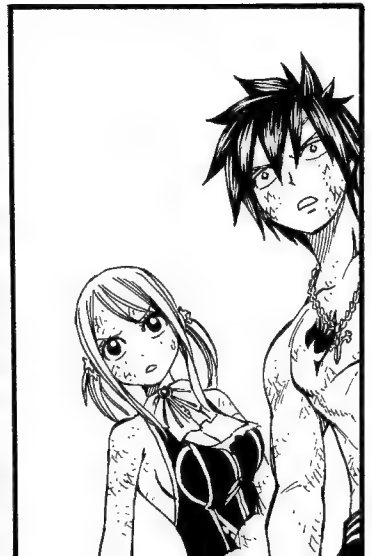
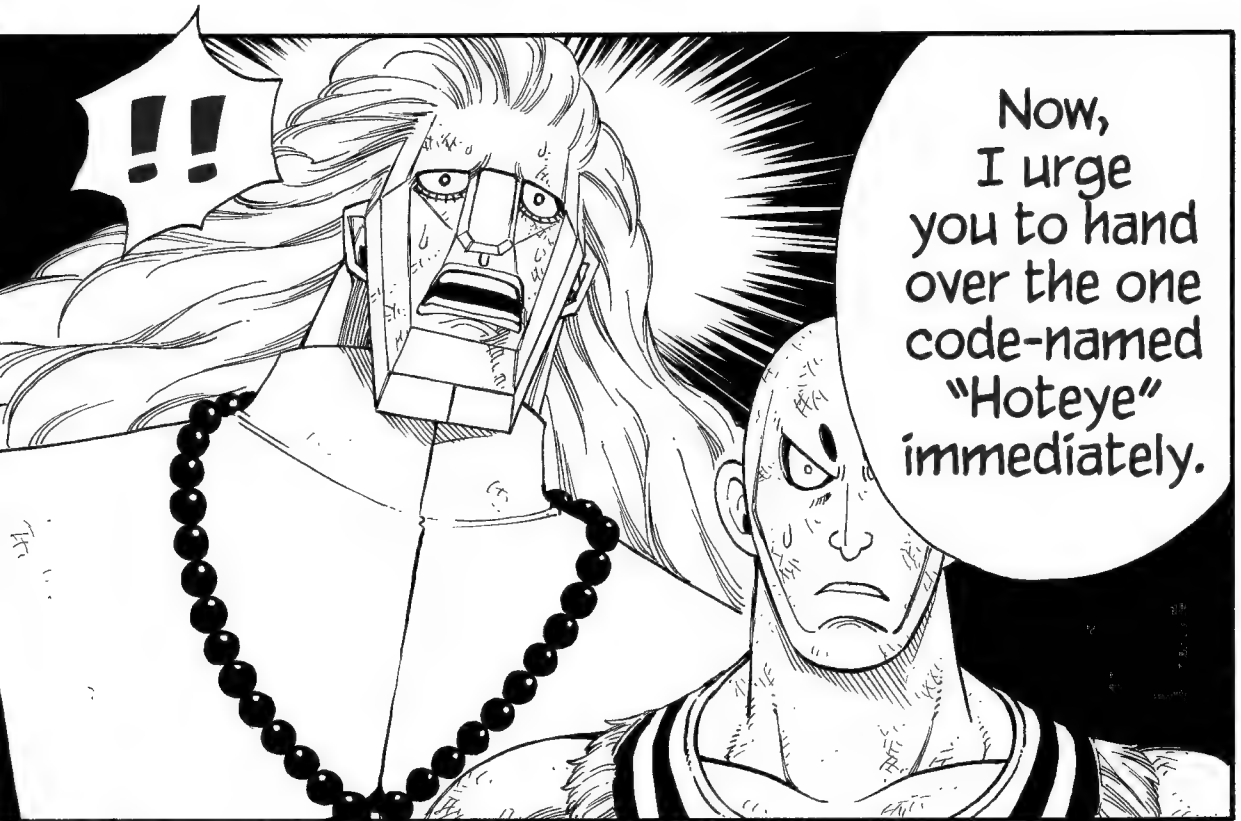
We
will not
permit
any evil
upon
this
land!

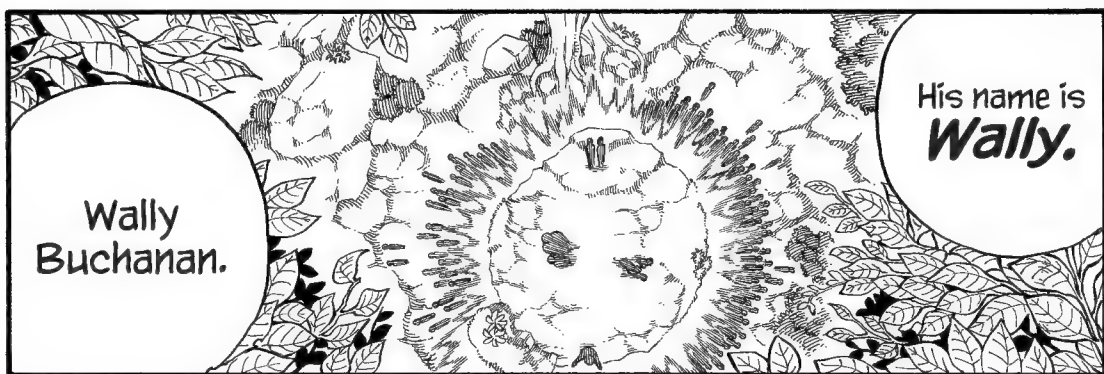
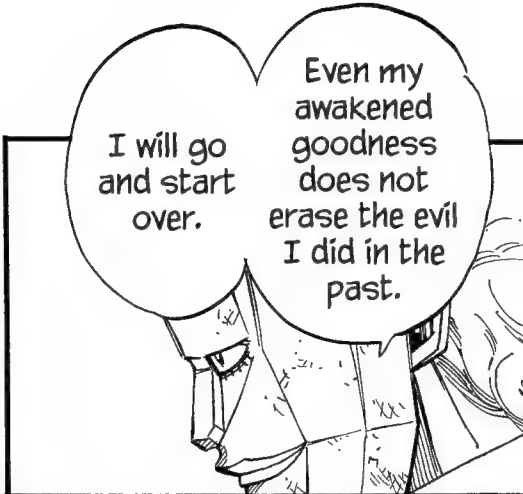
We have
been
reformed
to protect
justice
and the
law.



They've
already
formed a
new one?!

"New
Magic
Council"
?!!



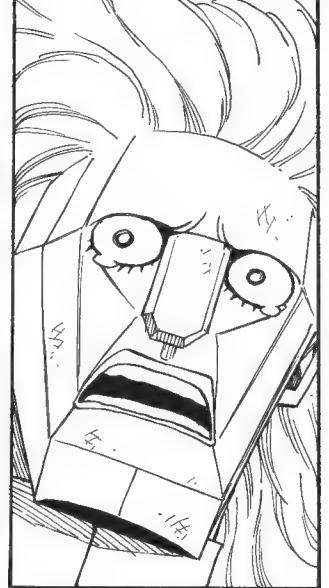




SNFF
SNFF
SNFF
...



ノド
ノド



This is
the kind of
miracle that is
only bestowed
upon those
who believe in
the light!

*Thank
you!*



Thank
you!!!



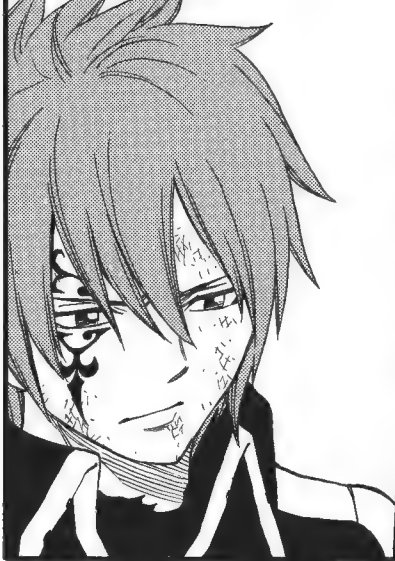
*Thank
you...*





**It's you,
Jellal!!!!**

**Surrender!!!!
We already have
orders to kill you
if you offer any
hint of resis-
tance!!!!**



Wait
just one
minute
!!!



You're
kidding...
!!!



He must
never be
allowed free
reign in this
world ever
again!

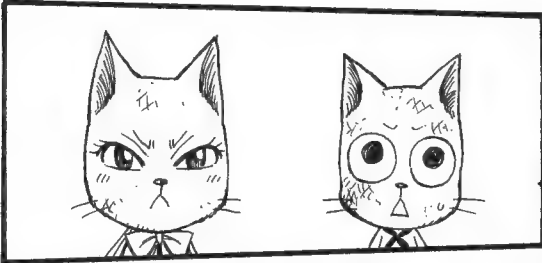
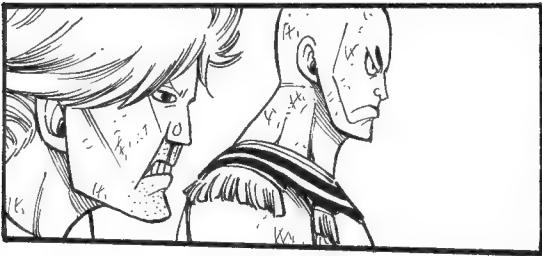
That
man is danger-
ous!

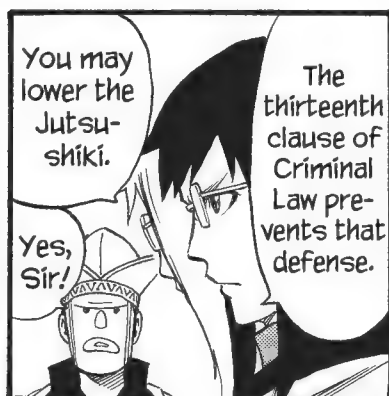


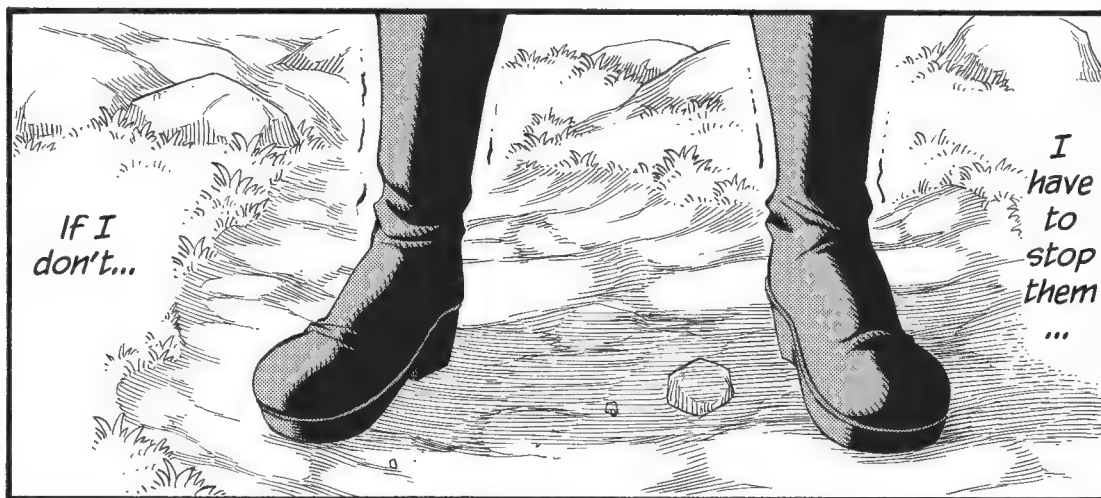
**Never
again
!!!!**

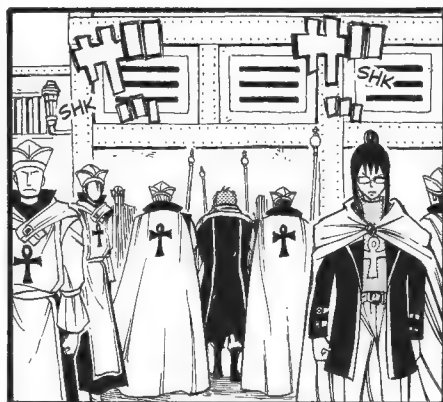
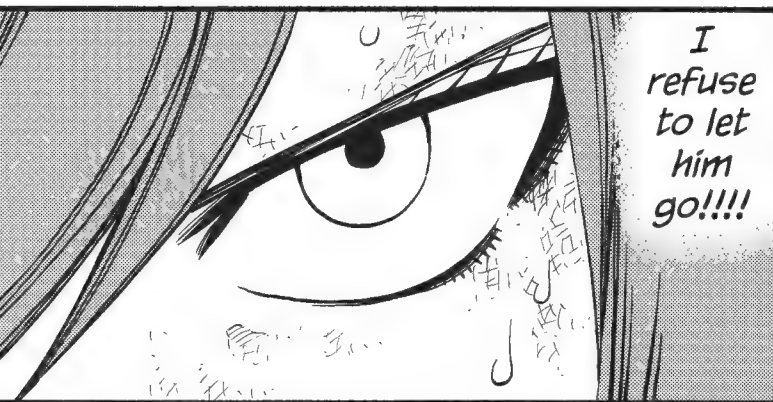
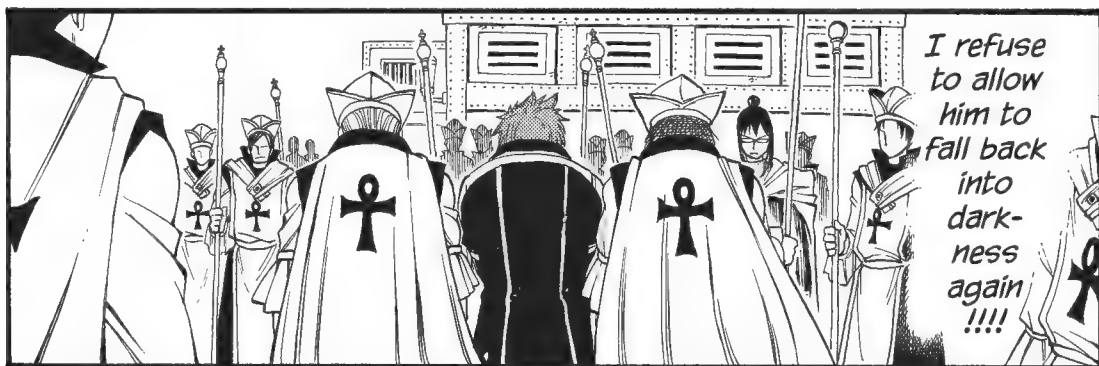


Chapter 163, The Scarlet Sky







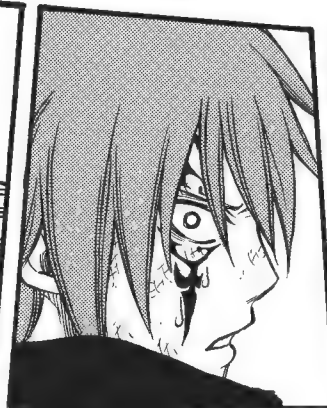


**I'm not
lettin'
him go
anywhere
!!!!**

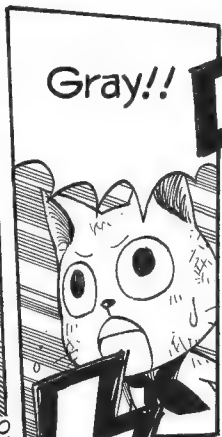
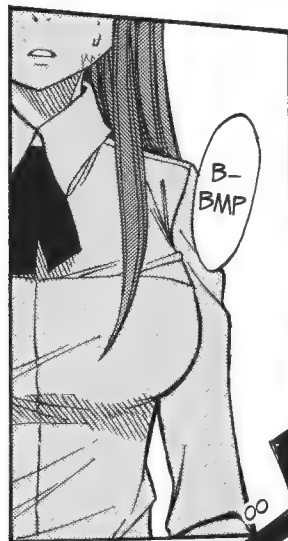


**You're up
against the
council, you
know!!!**

**Natsu
!!!**







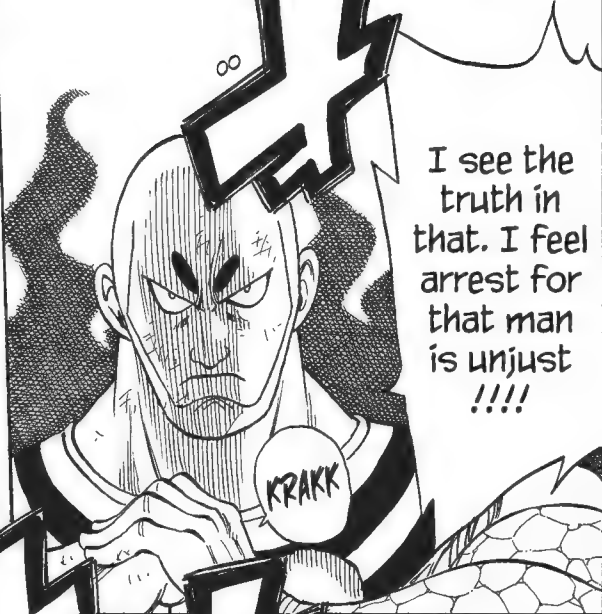


...his leaving will make Erza sad!!!

That kinda smells nice!

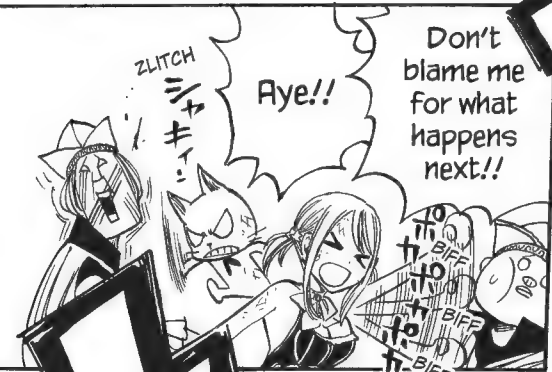
Although it breaks my heart to say it...

WHOA!



I see the truth in that. I feel arrest for that man is unjust !!!!

KRAKK



ZLITCH
シャキィ

Aye!!

Don't blame me for what happens next!!

ti-BIFF
ti-BIFF
ti-BIFF
ti-BIFF



Come on, Jellal !!!!



Don't take Jellal away, please !!!



**You can't let
yourself get
taken from
Erza!!!!**



**For
Erza's
sake
!!!!**

**She's
gotta
be with
you!!!!**

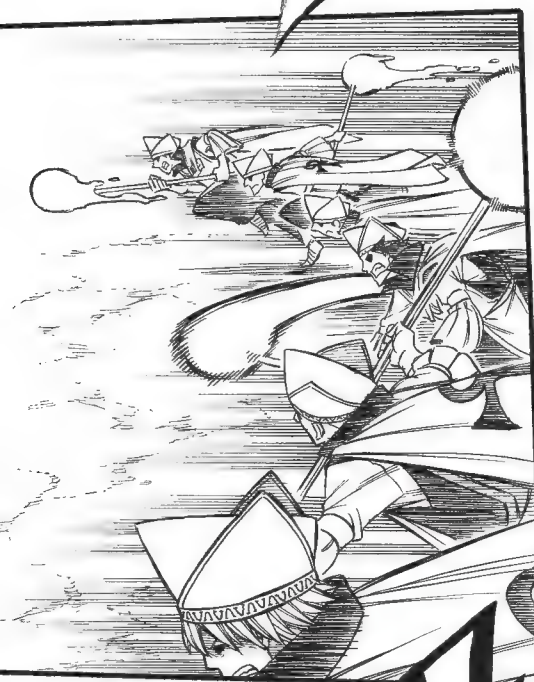


**So come
here!!!!**



**We're on
the same
team,
right?!!!**

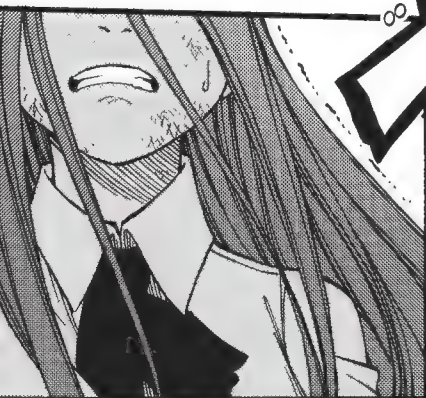
**We'll be
with you
too!!!!**



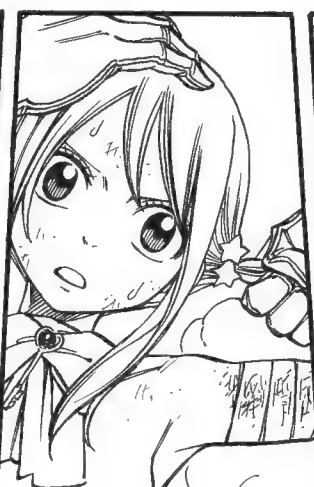
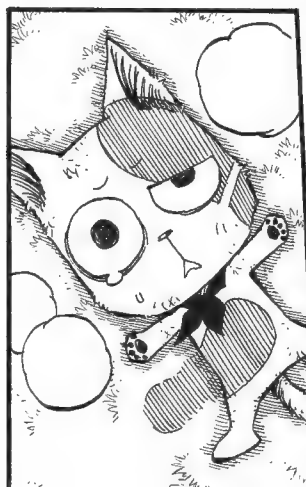
**Arrest
them for
obstruc-
tion and
aiding and
abetting a
known
fugitive
!!!!**

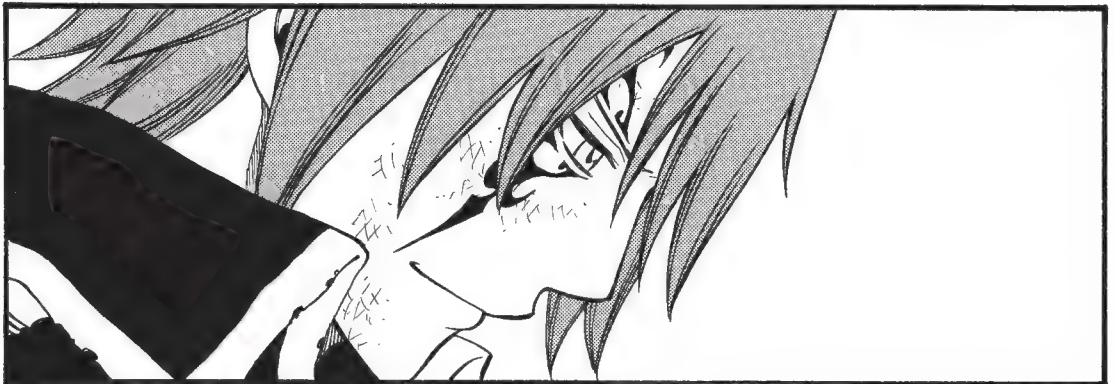
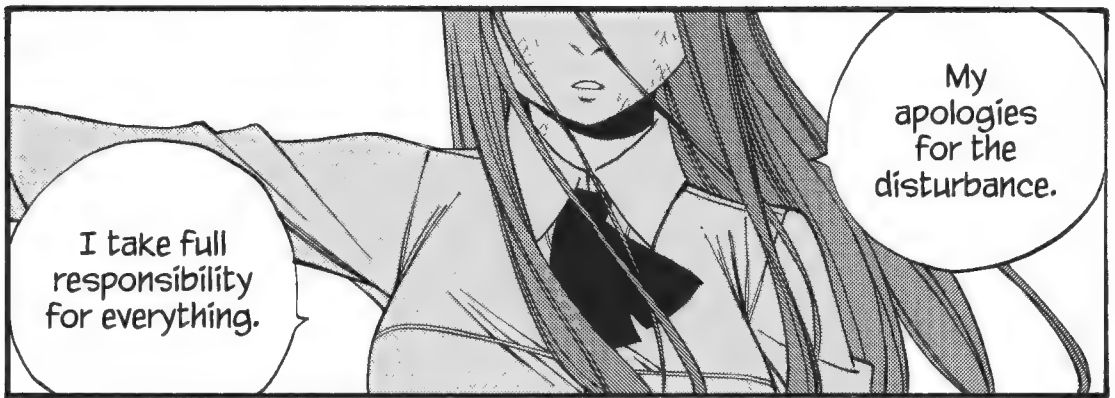


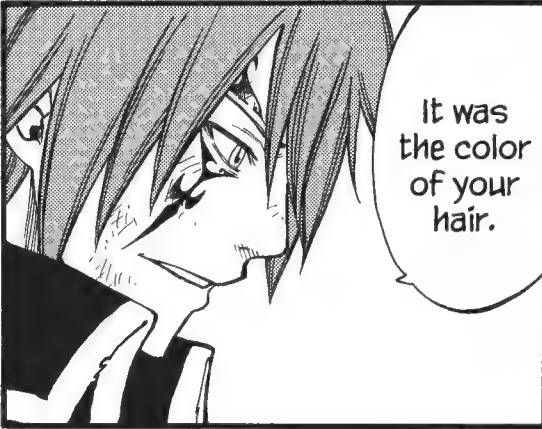
**Arrest
all of
them
!!!!**

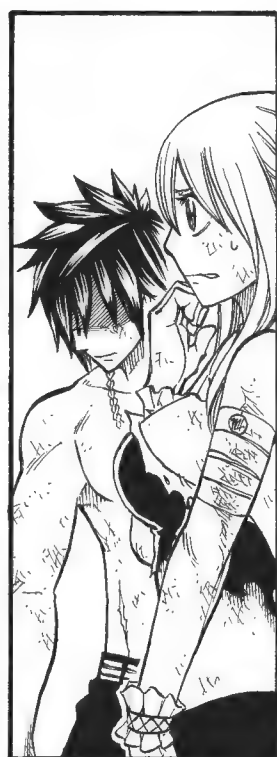
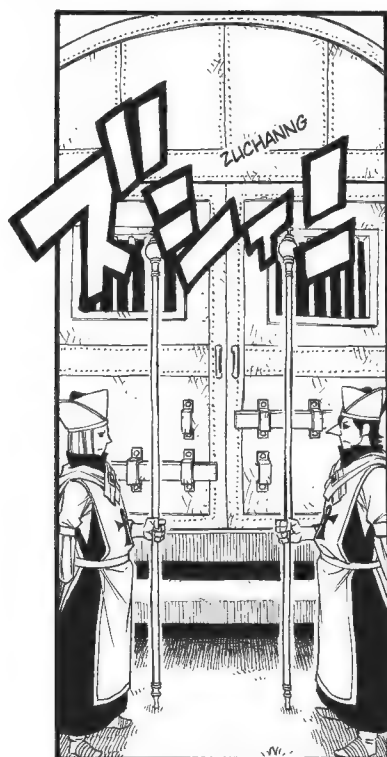
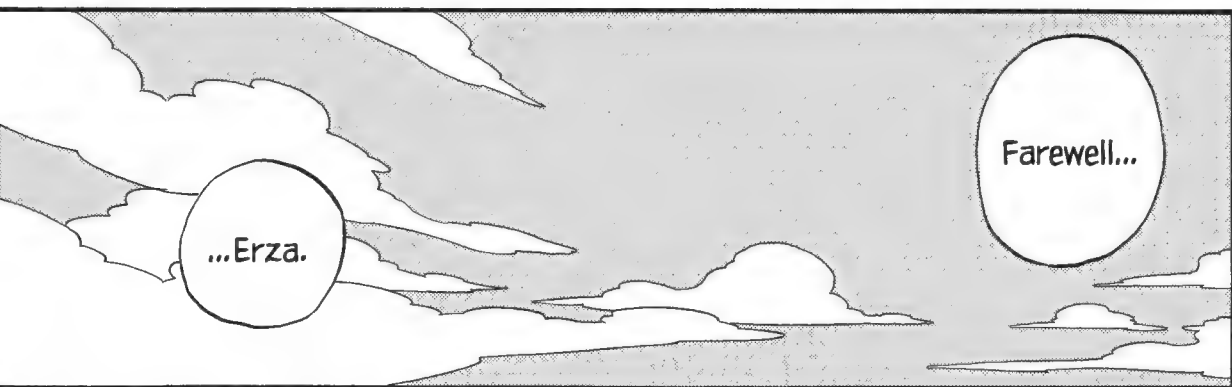
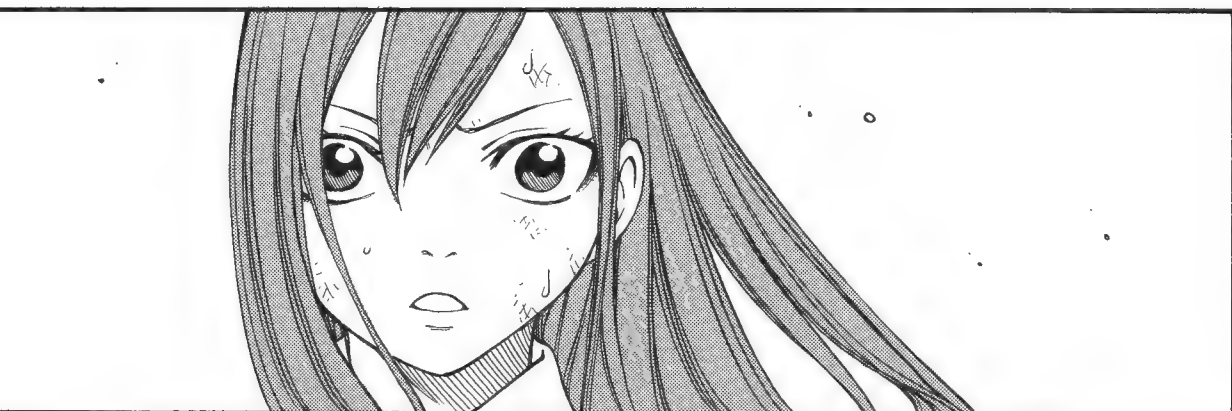


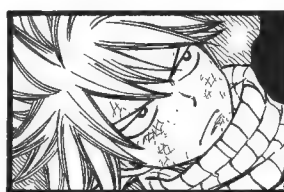
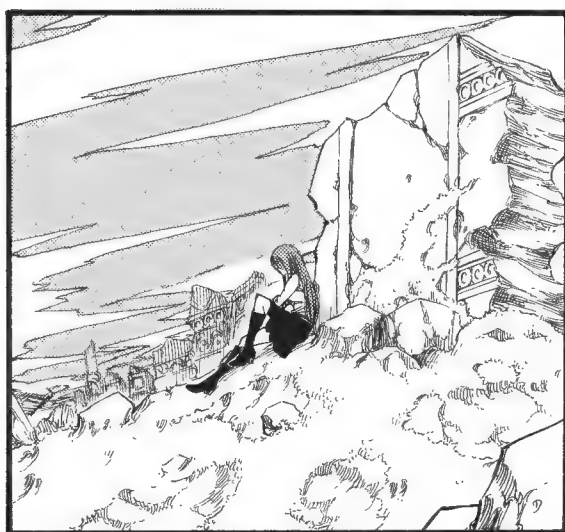
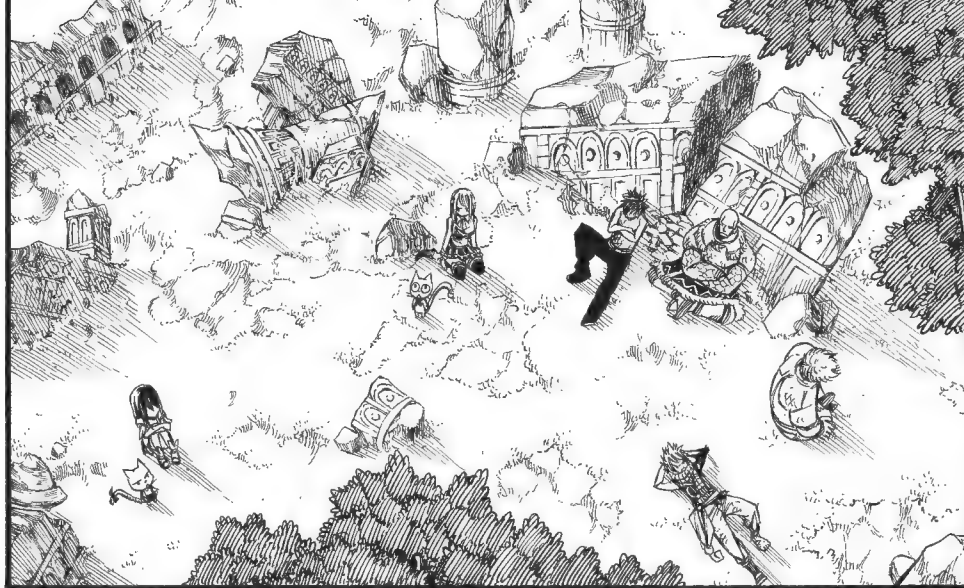
**Jel-
laaaaal
!!!!**









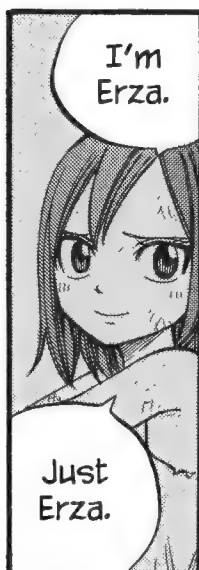


I wonder where Erza went...



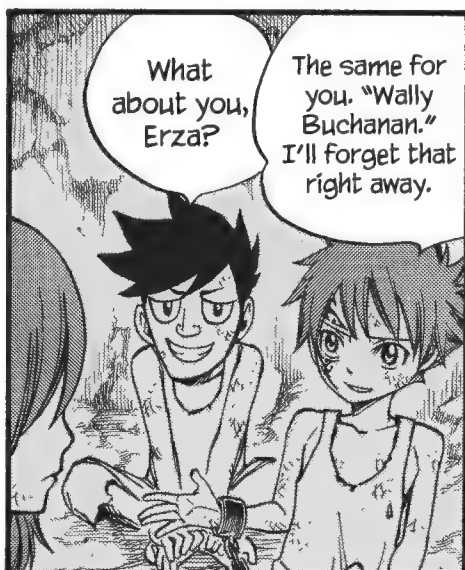
Aye...

Let her have her alone time.



I'm Erza.

Just Erza.



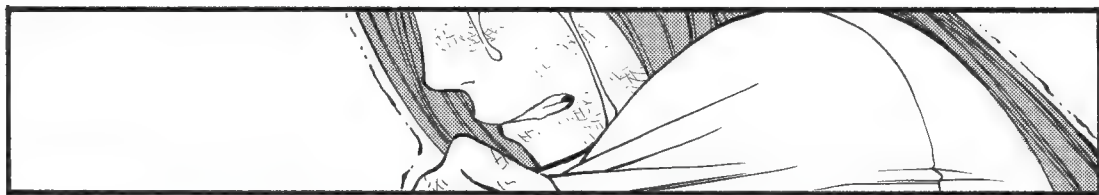
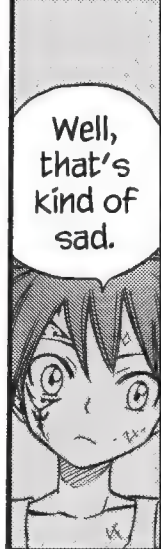
What about you, Erza?

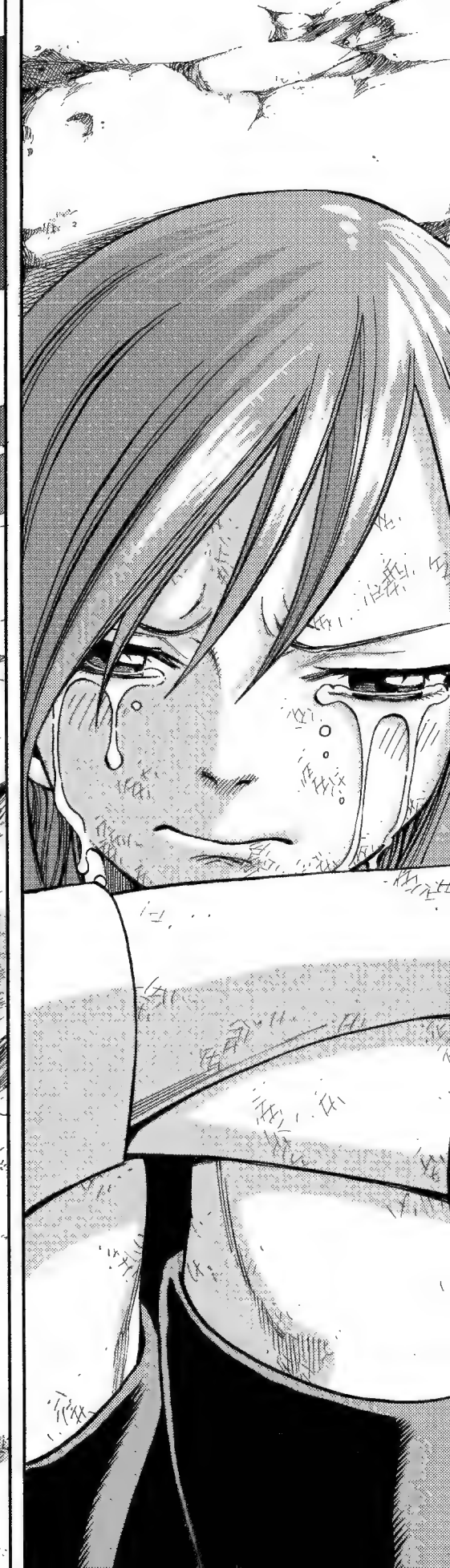
The same for you. "Wally Buchanan." I'll forget that right away.



I'm Jellal Fernandez.

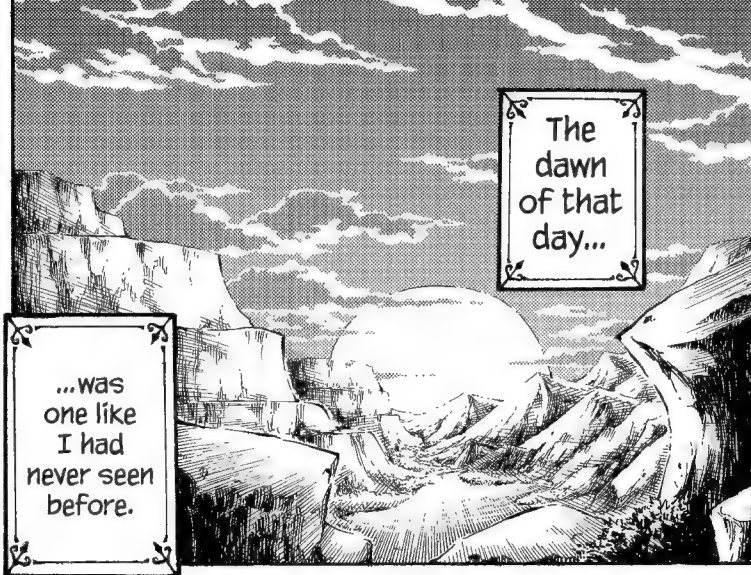
Whoa! That'll be hard to remember!







It was as if it was dyed in the most beautiful scarlet coloring.



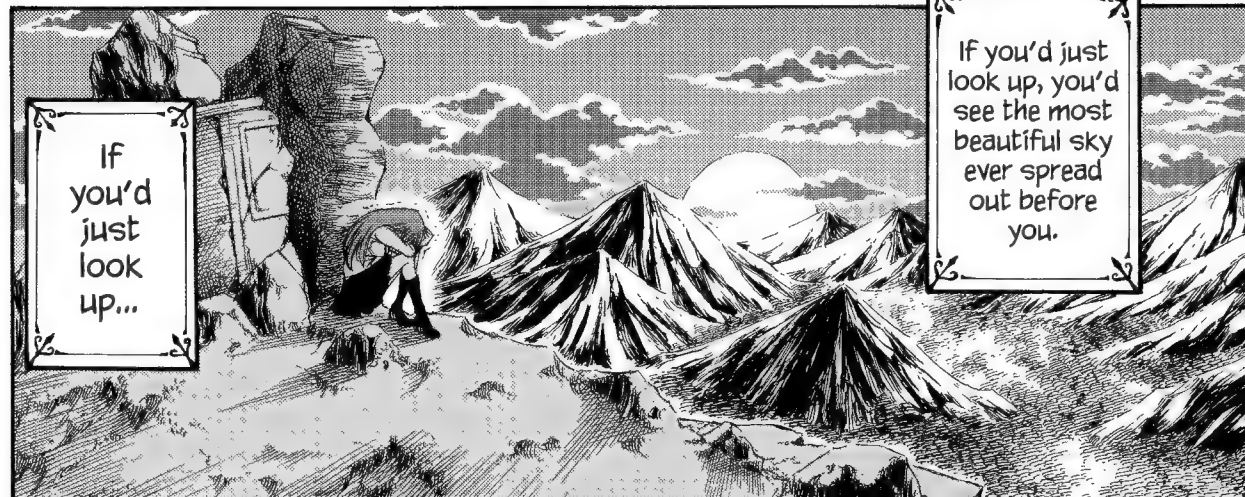
The dawn of that day...

...was one like I had never seen before.



So warm and full of passion.

Just the color of Erza's hair.



If you'd just look up...

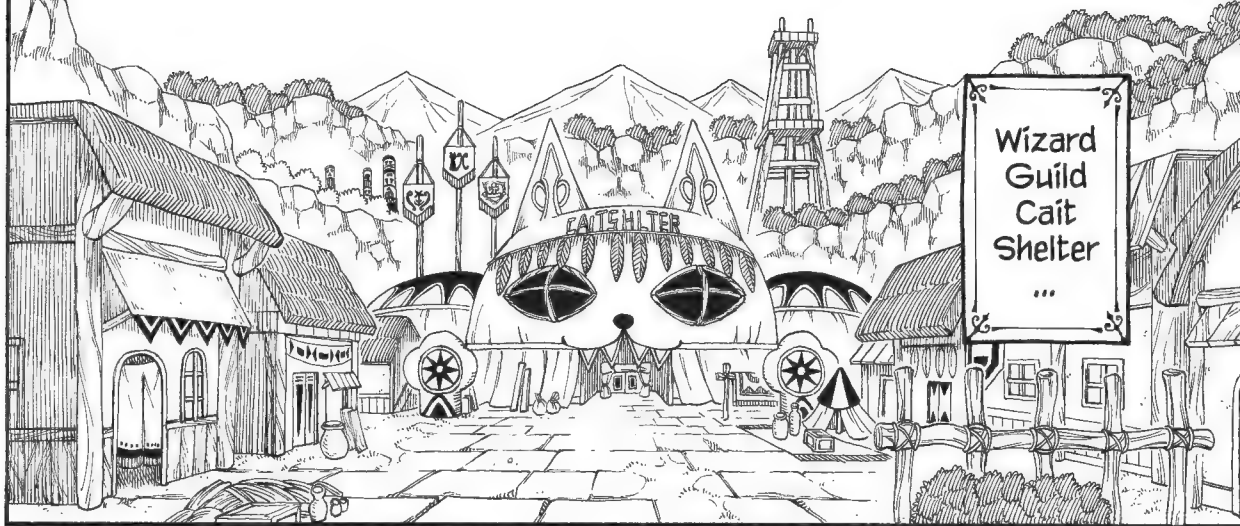
If you'd just look up, you'd see the most beautiful sky ever spread out before you.

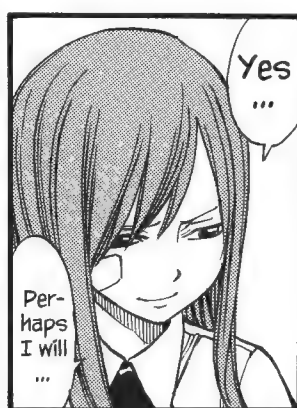
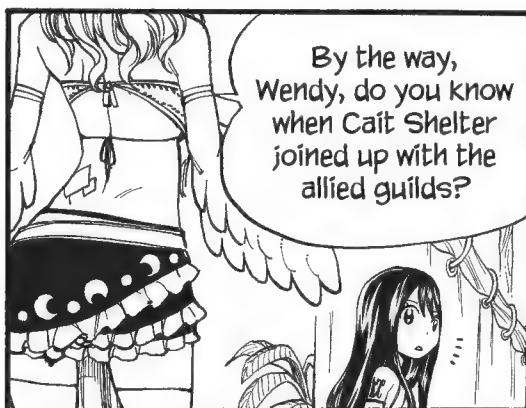
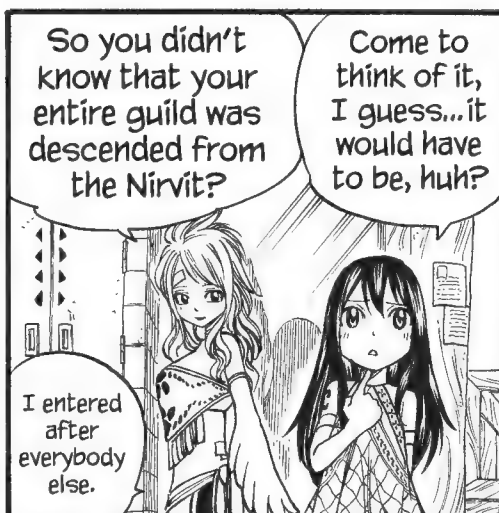
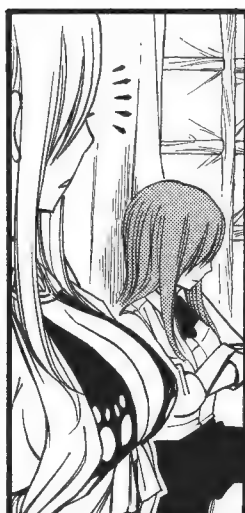
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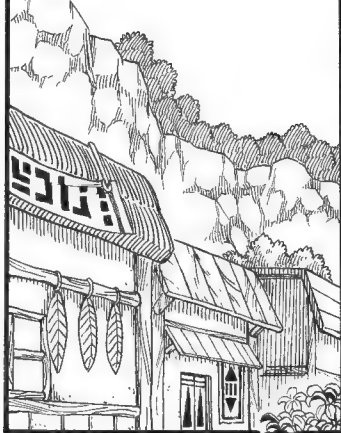
フェアリーテイル



Chapter 164, A Guild of One







Come on.
Everyone's
waiting.



Not
that it
matters!



Lamia
Scale...

Fairy
Tail...

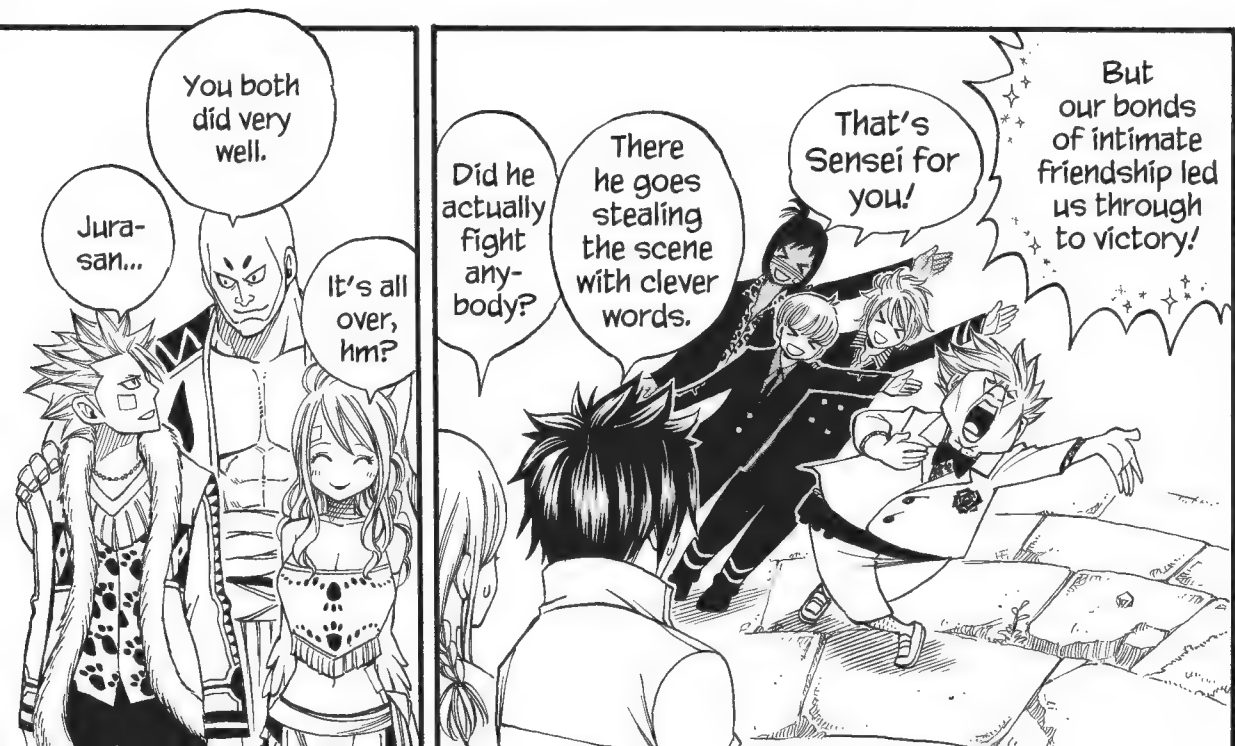
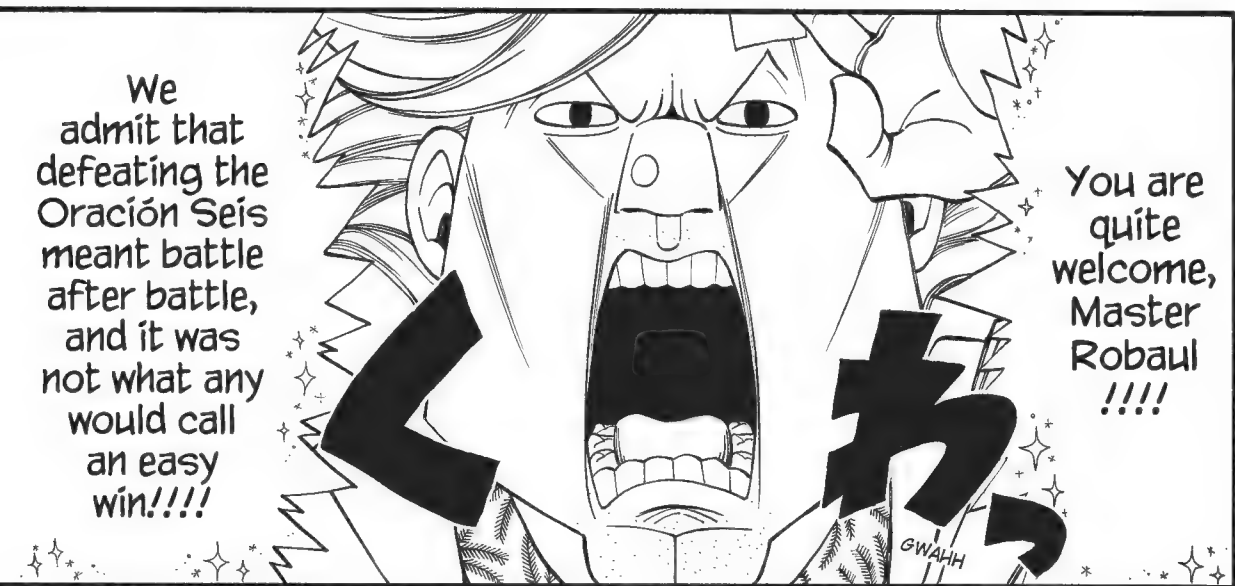
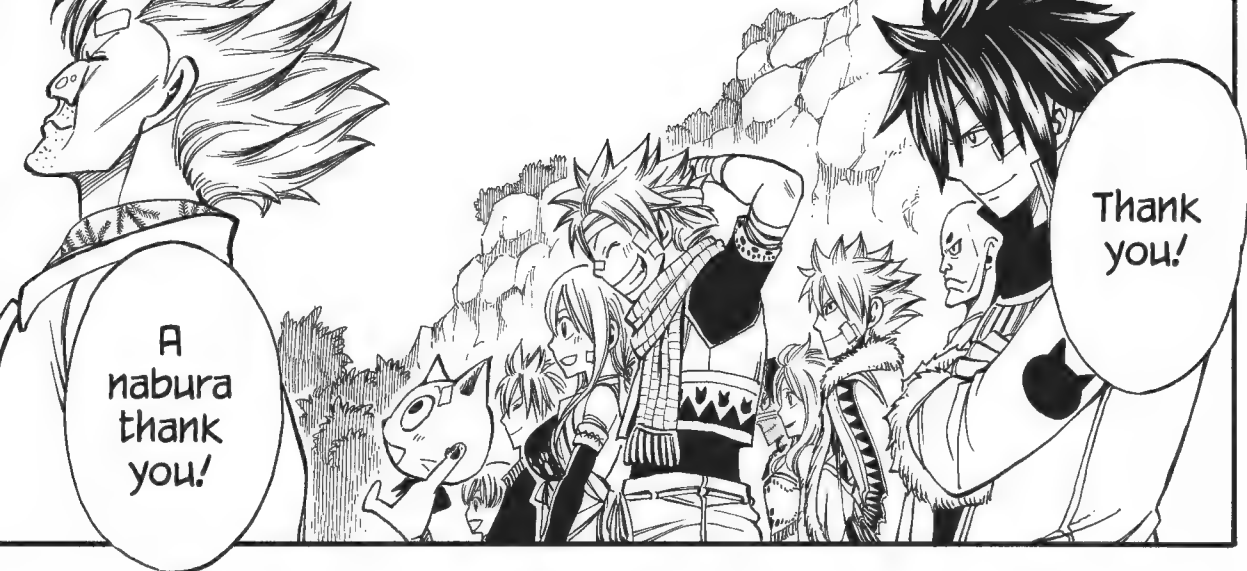
Blue
Pegasus
...

...and
Wendy and
Carla...

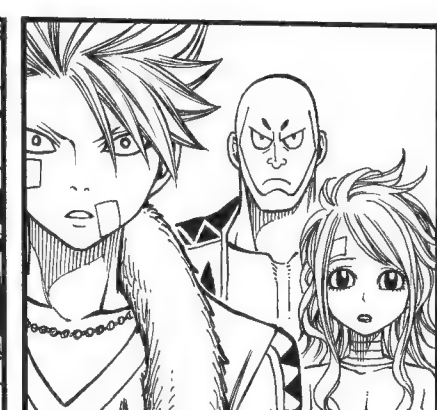
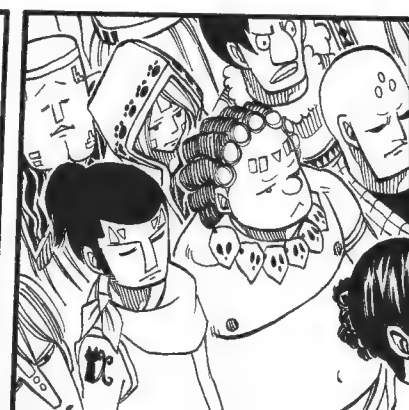
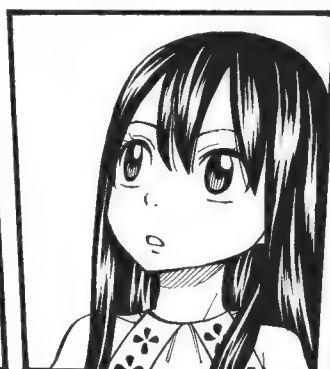
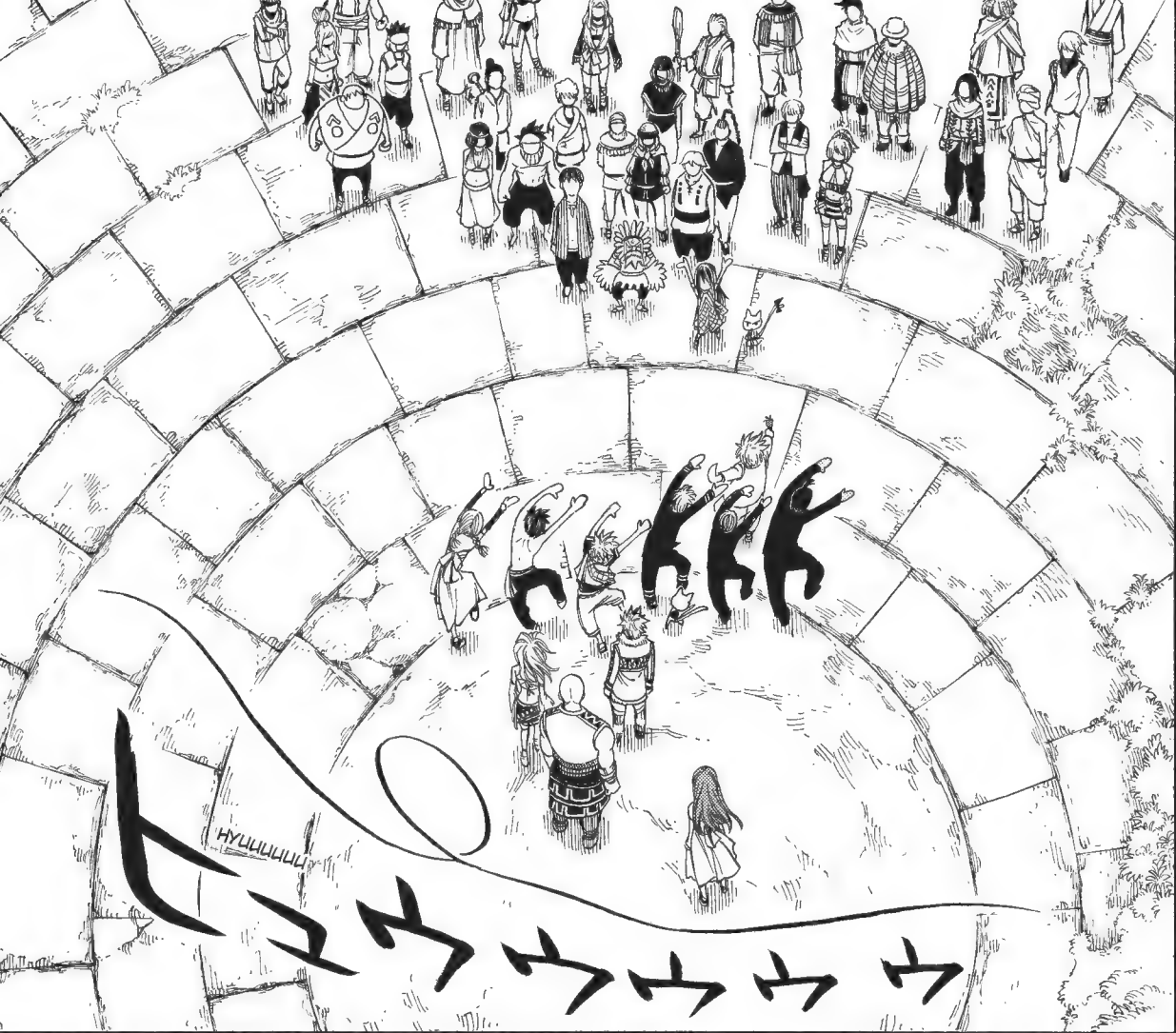


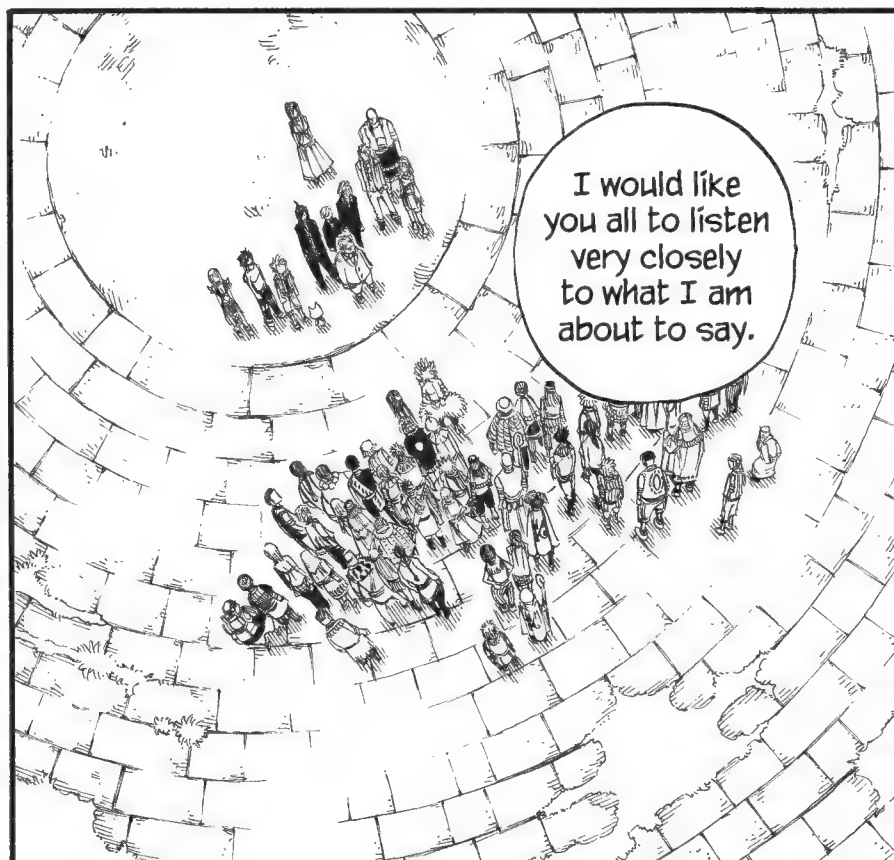
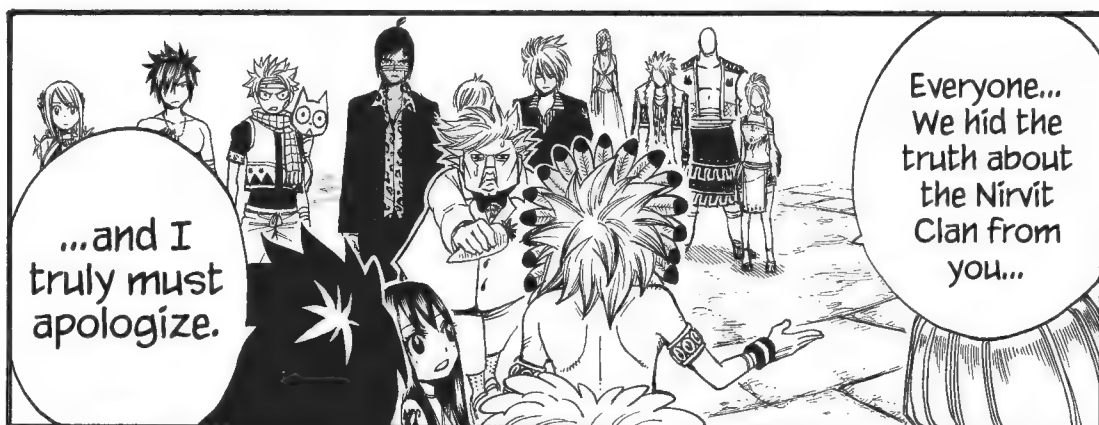
Speaking for
the alliance
of all the
regional guilds,
I, Robaul,
express our
gratitude!

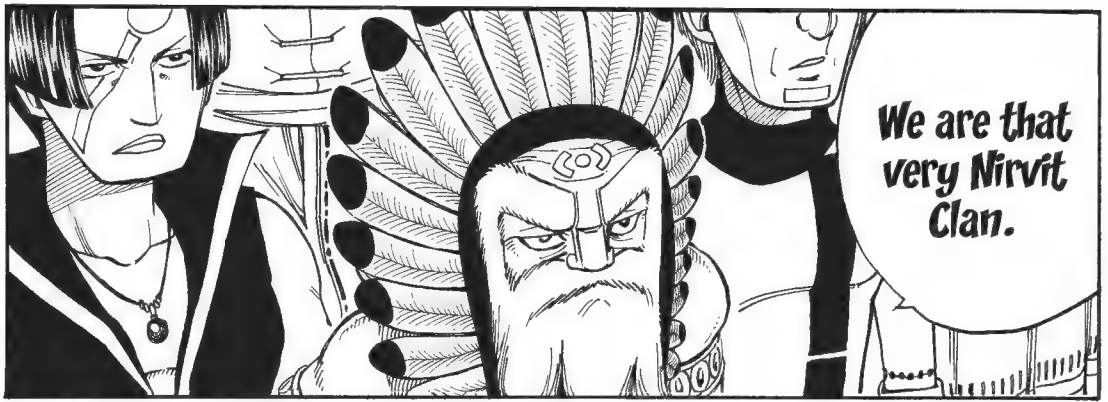
I commend
you all for
bringing down
the Oración Seis
and stopping
Nirvana!









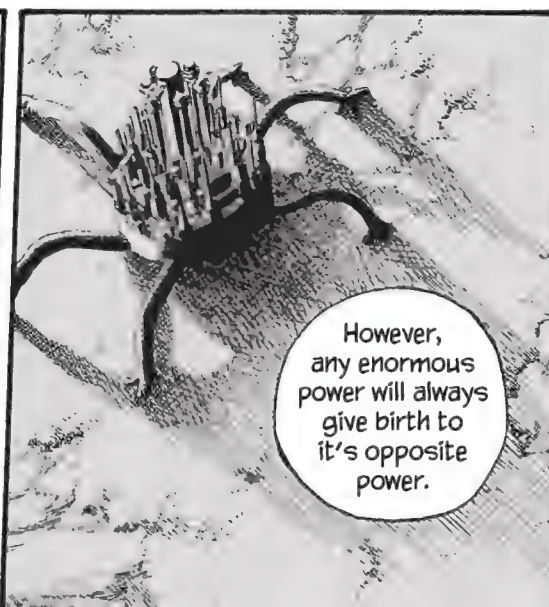
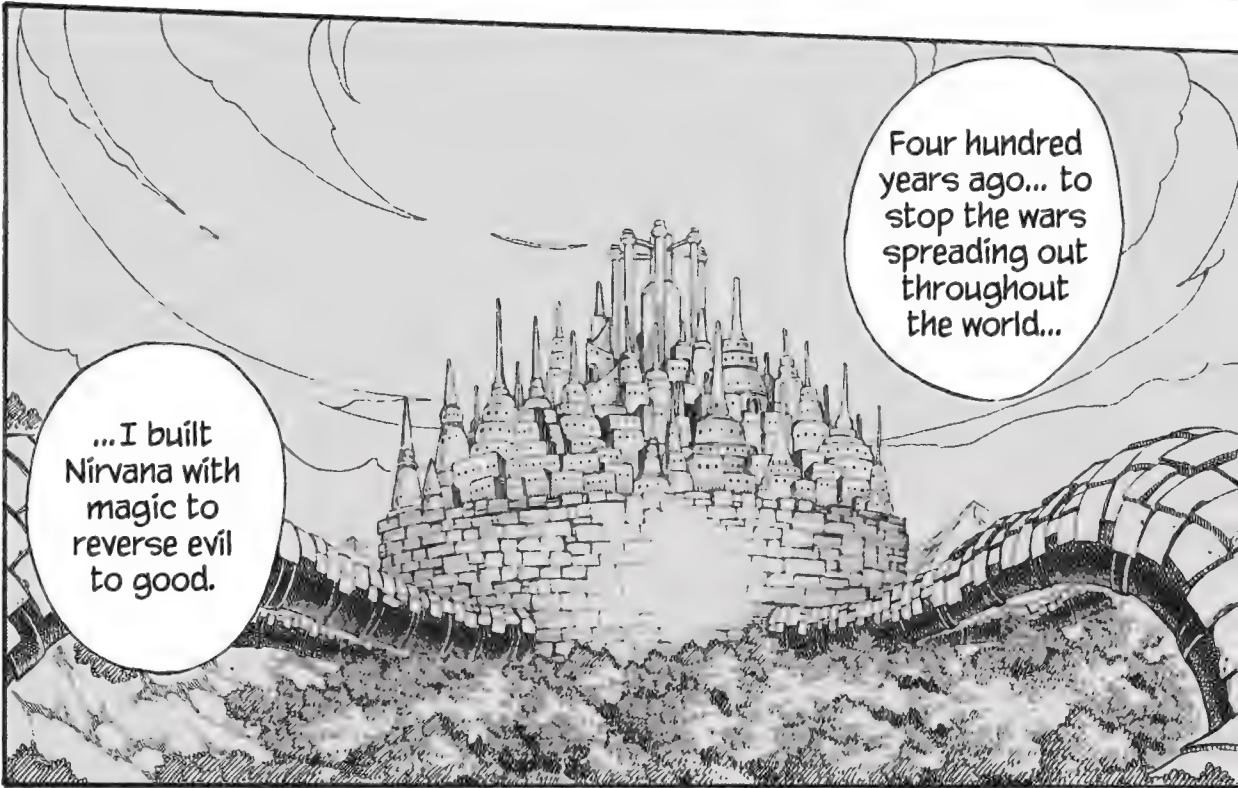
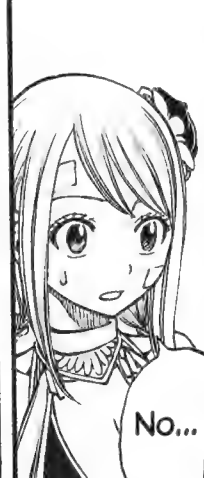


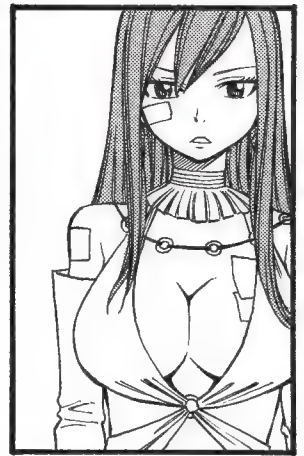
**We are that
very Nirvit
Clan.**



**The man
who built
Nirvana
400 years
ago...**

**...was
me.**







There was only one left alive. Me.

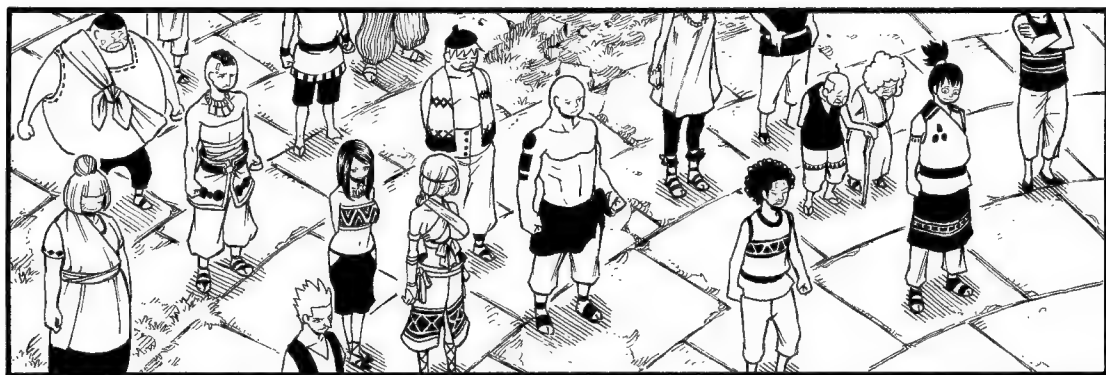
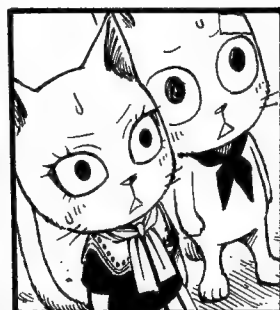
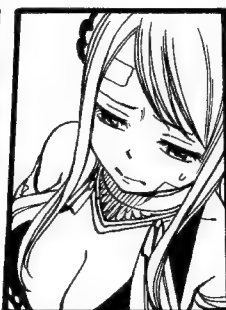
My body rotted away long ago, and now I am little more than a projection of my former self.

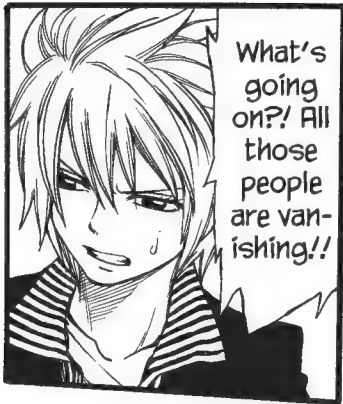
Well... Now, those words aren't quite correct anymore.

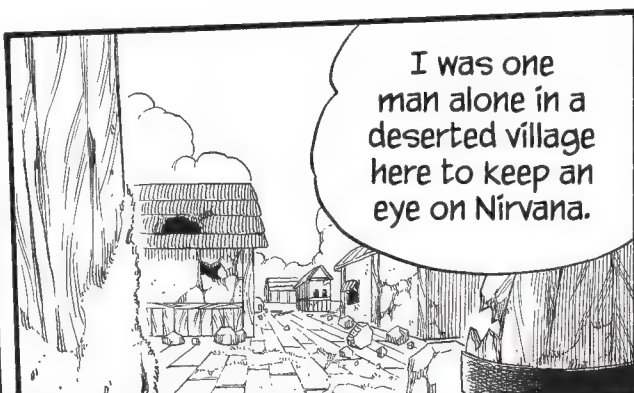
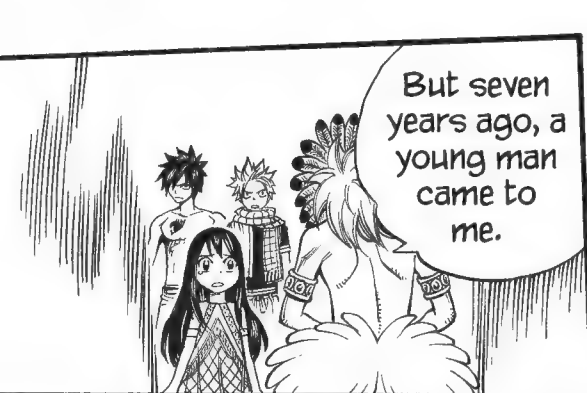
...I had to watch over it for four hundred years.

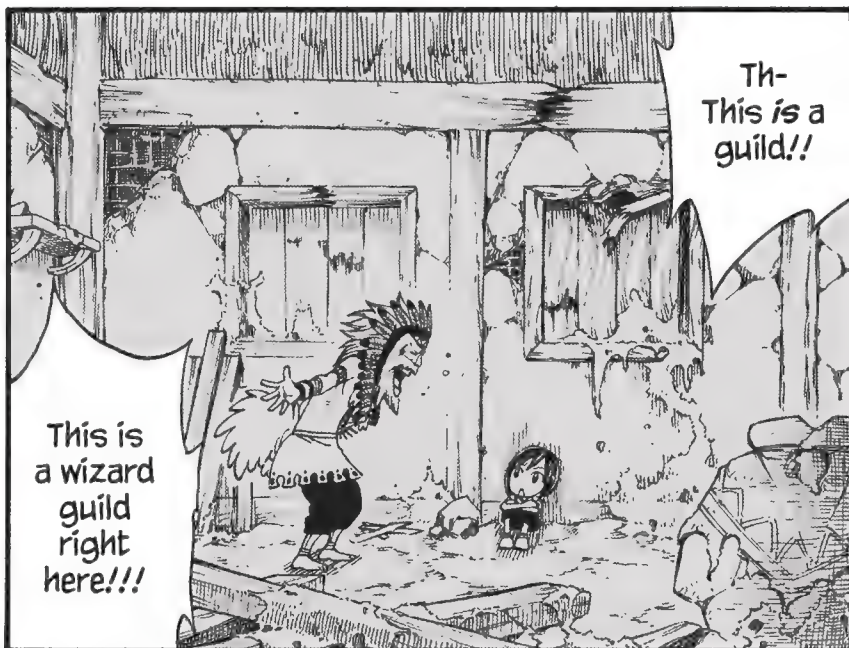
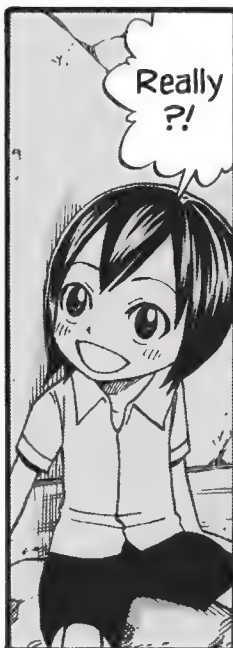
I had to atone for my crimes...

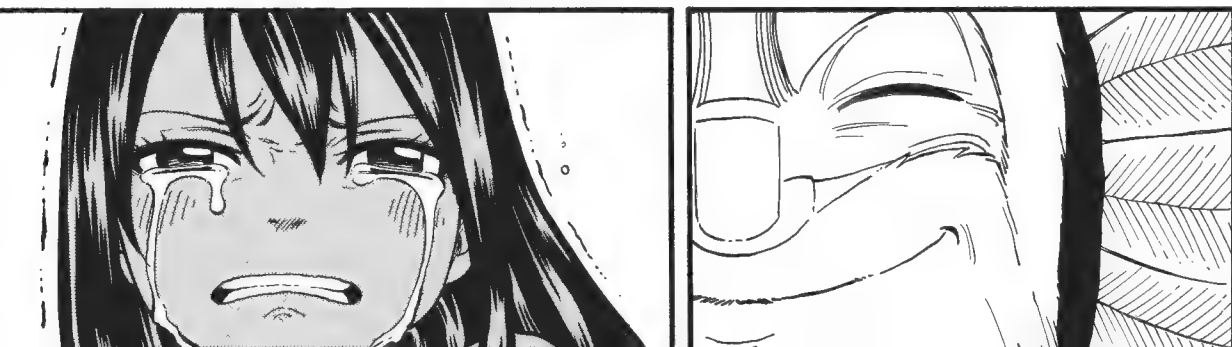
Also... Until the day when someone with power could destroy Nirvana for me, I remained a powerless ghost...

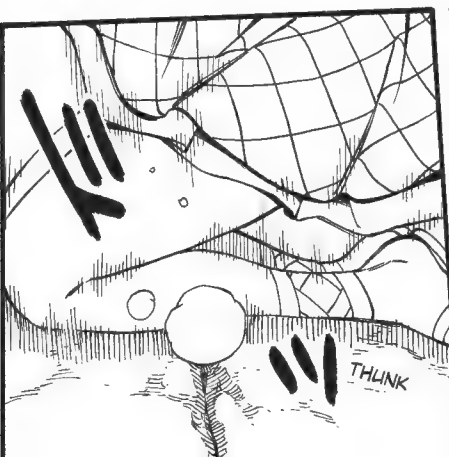
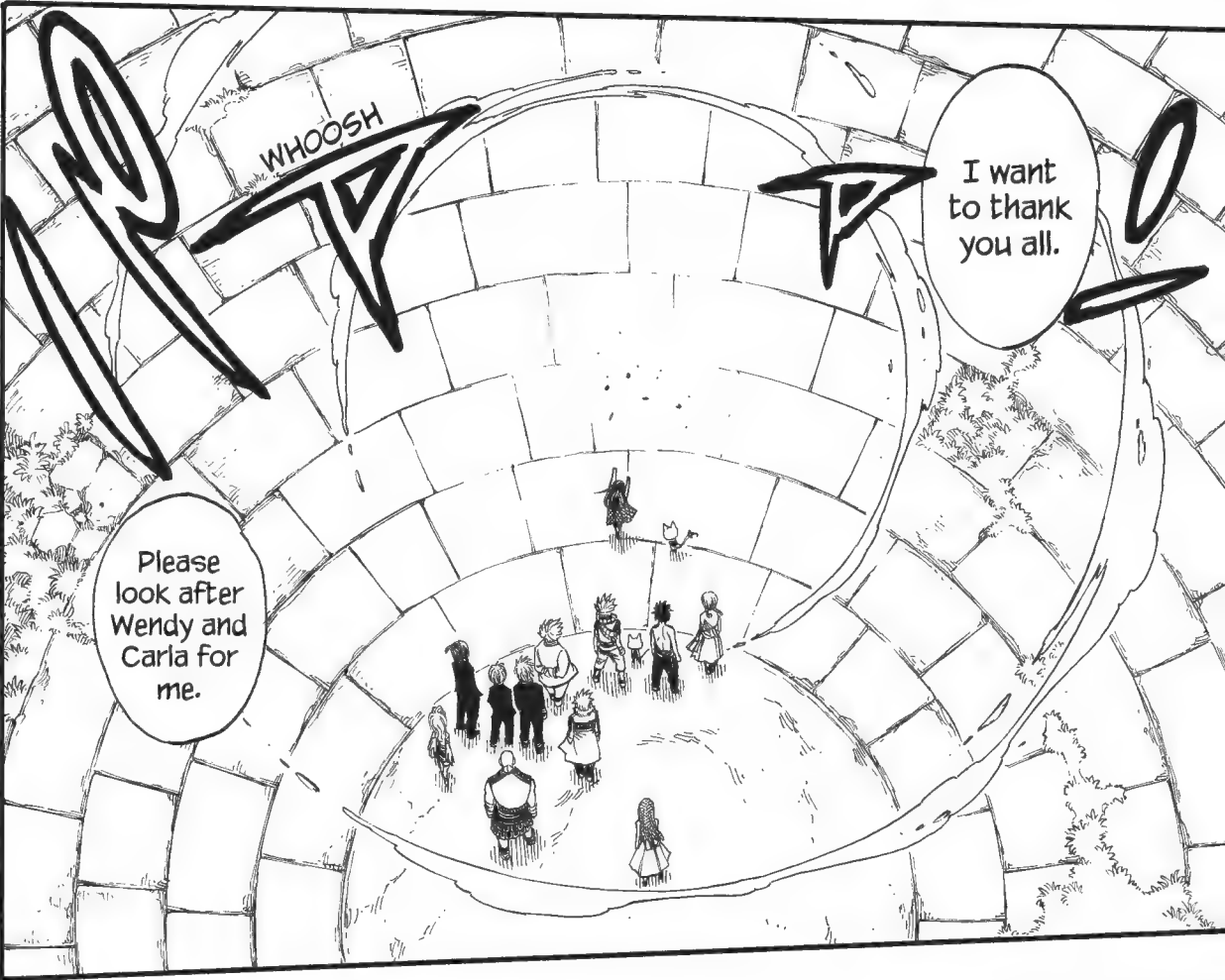


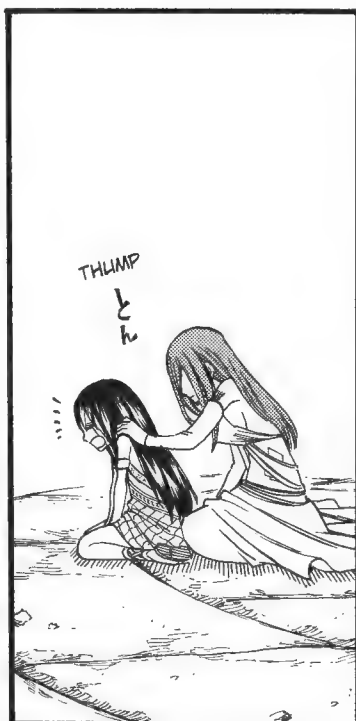
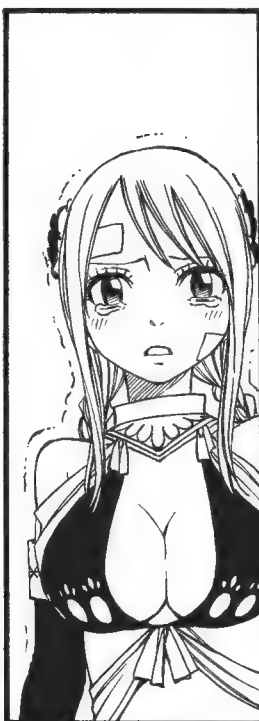
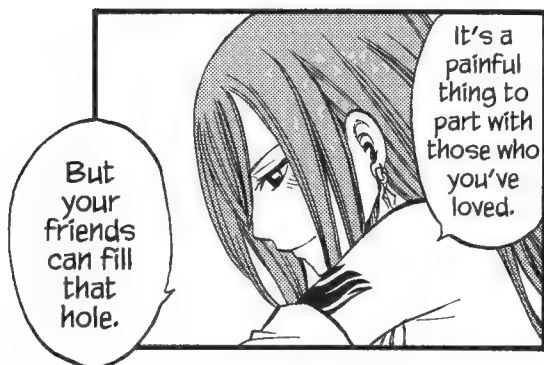














Come

...

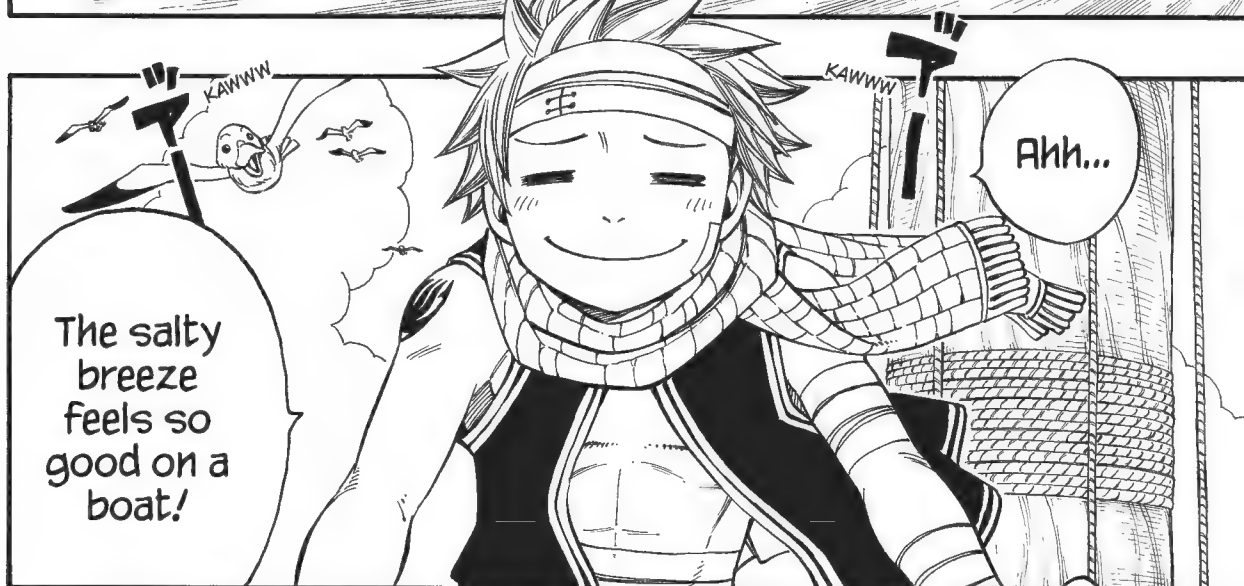
...to
Fairy
Tail.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 165, Wendy the Fairy Girl



The salty breeze feels so good on a boat!

*Magic that cures motion sickness.

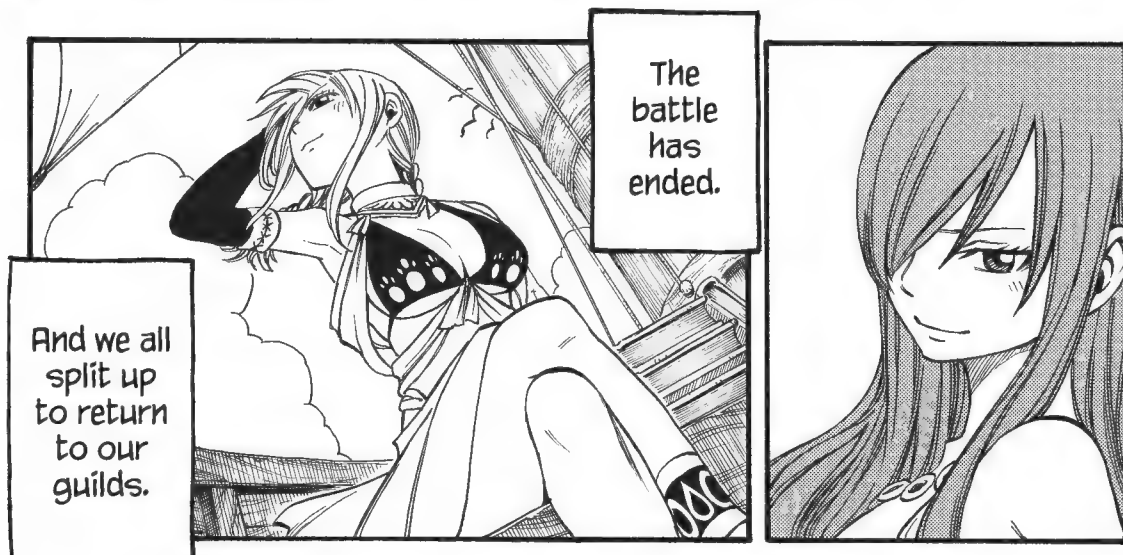


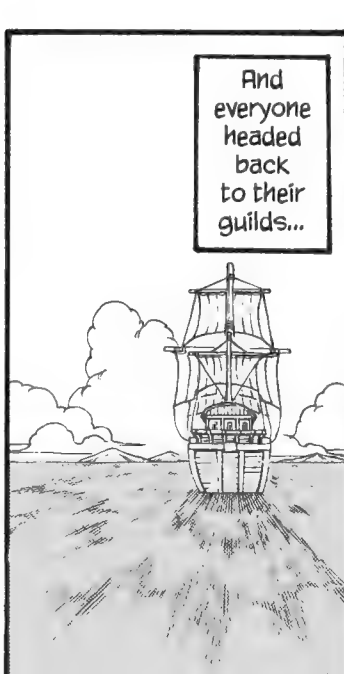
It's about time for Troia* to wear off.



Ah!

Moving vehicles are so cool! Heeey!!!

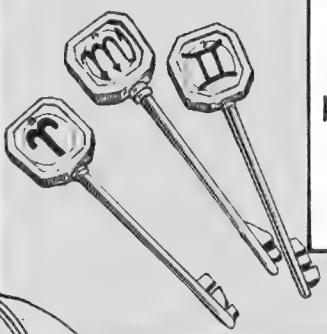




Yeah!
Yeah!

PIKEEEREE

With Angel imprisoned,
we're released
from our
contract
with her.



Also, I
found
that I
had three
more
keys on
hand.

Do you
mind?

SHAKEEN

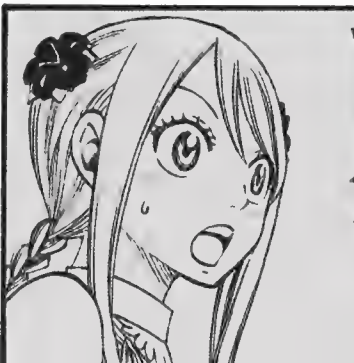
Yeehaw! And so
we all decided to
make you our new
owner!

Piirii!
Piirii!

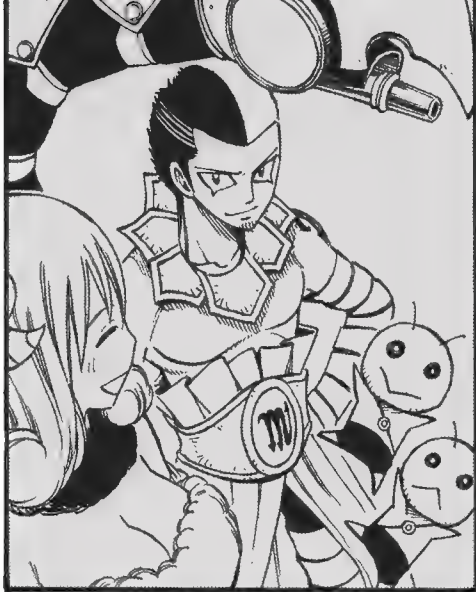
You should
know that
we're referred
to as "forms."
Yee!



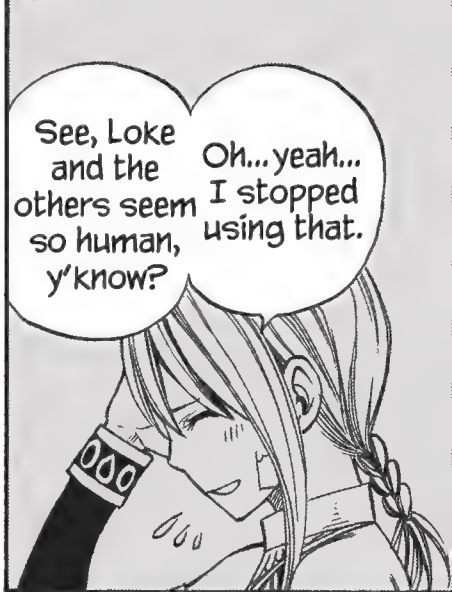
"People"
?



In one shot,
I get three
more people
from the
twelve golden
gates
...?!!



It's like... I've
built up a
resistance to
counting you like
possessions.



See, Loke
and the
others seem
so human,
y'know?

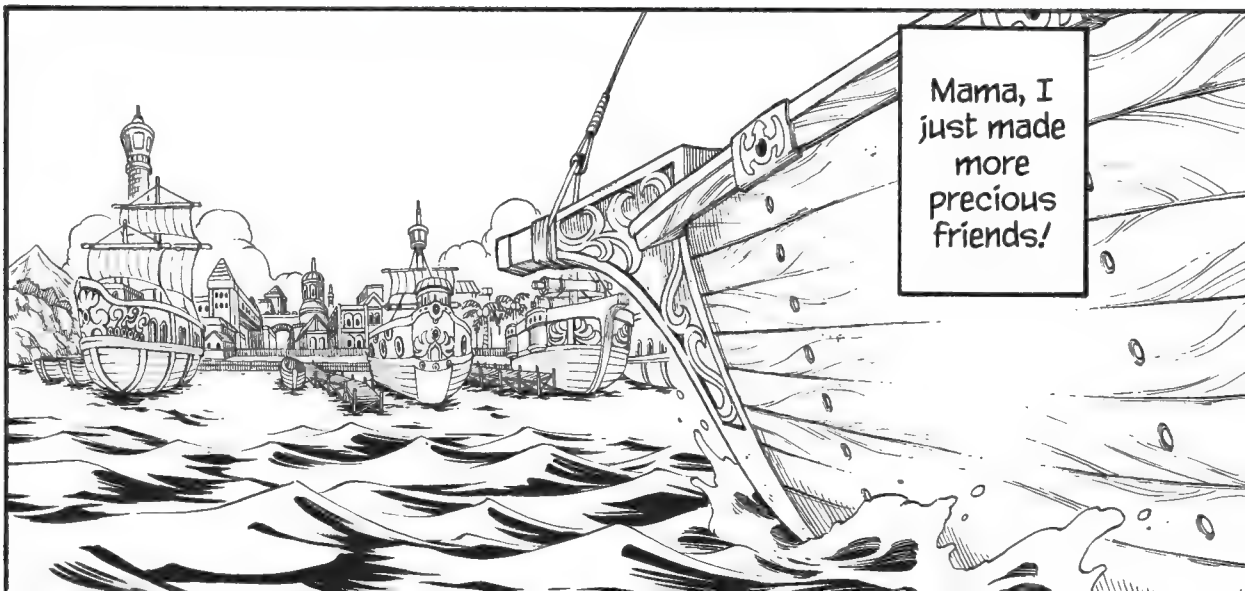
Oh... yeah...
I stopped
using that.



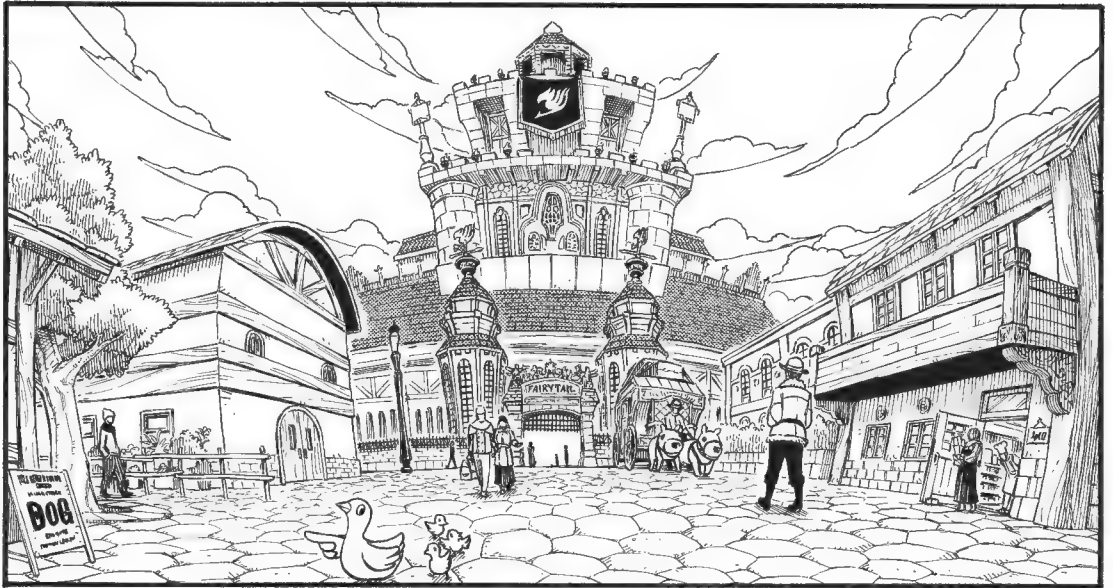
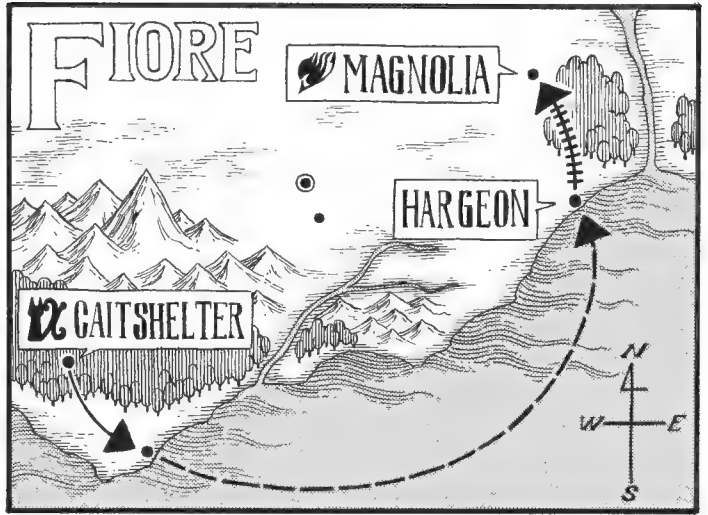
Yeah!! That
goes double
for me!

Scorpio!
Aries!
Gemini!

Then it's
nice to
meet you,
owner!!



Mama, I
just made
more
precious
friends!



It's nice
to meet
you all!

...We
introduced
Wendy and
Carla...

BOW

おはよう

...to Fairy
Tail!



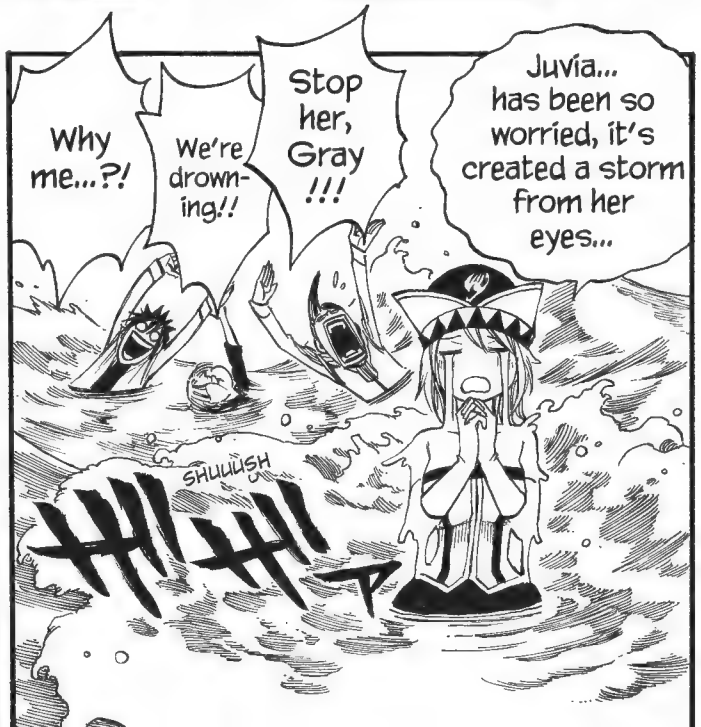
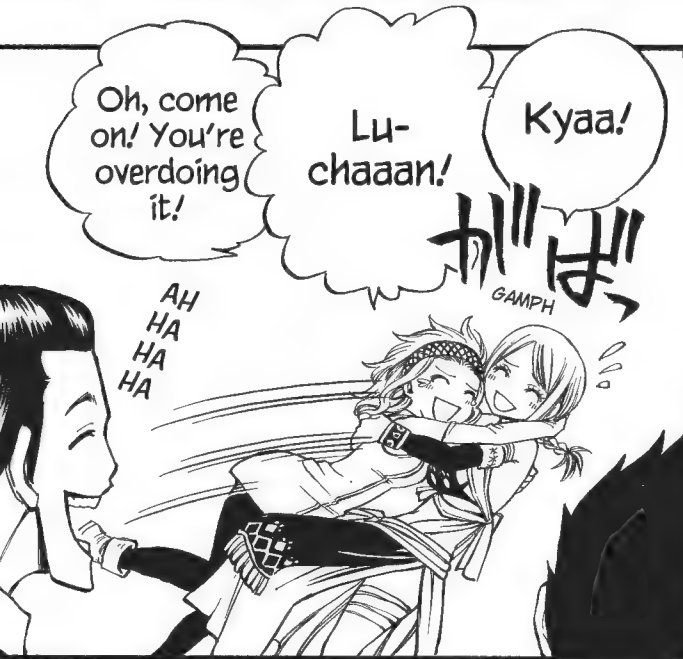
Welcome
back every-
one!

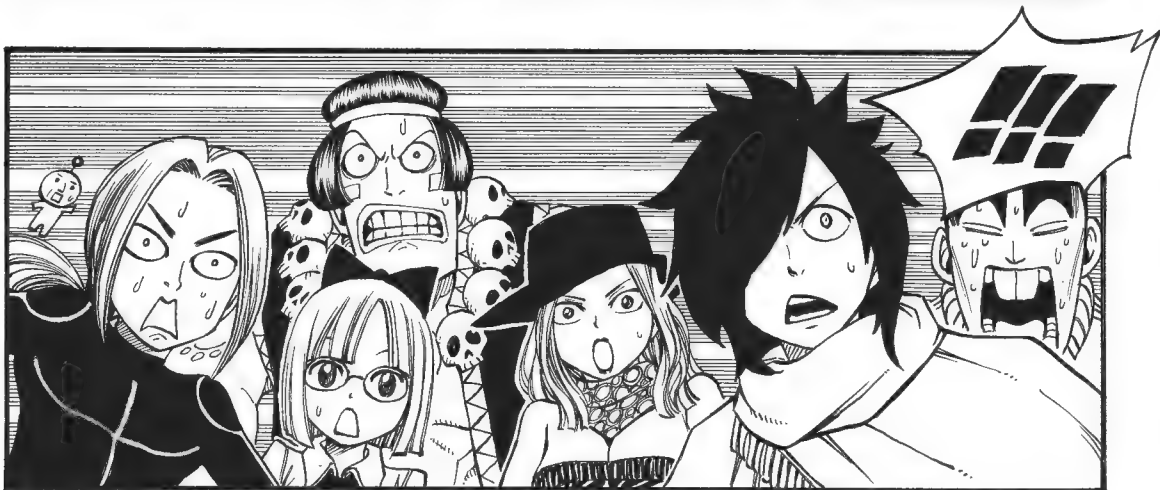
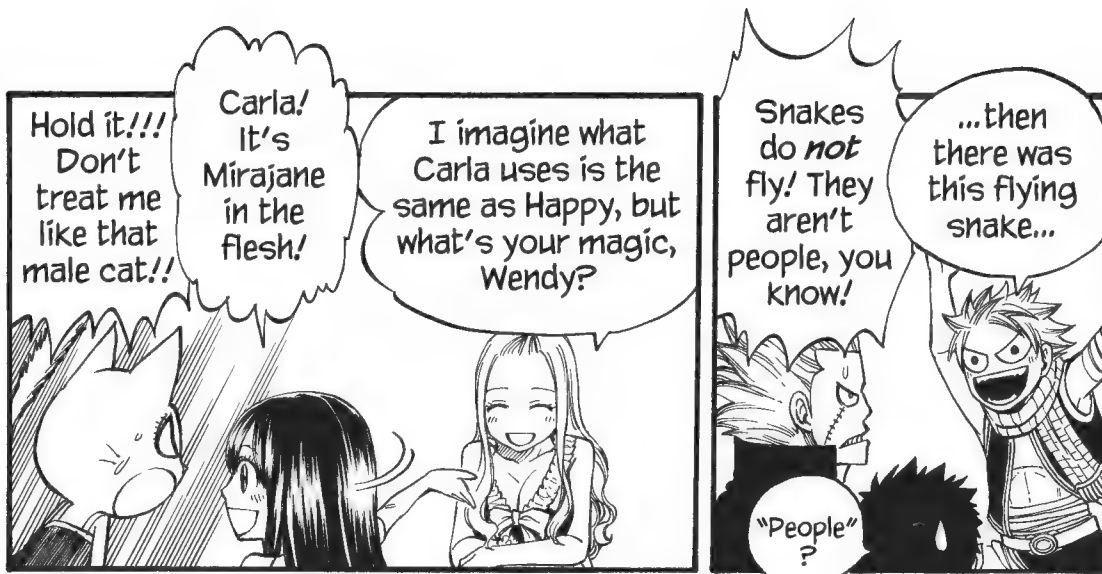
There's
a female
Happy!!

She
so cute
!!!

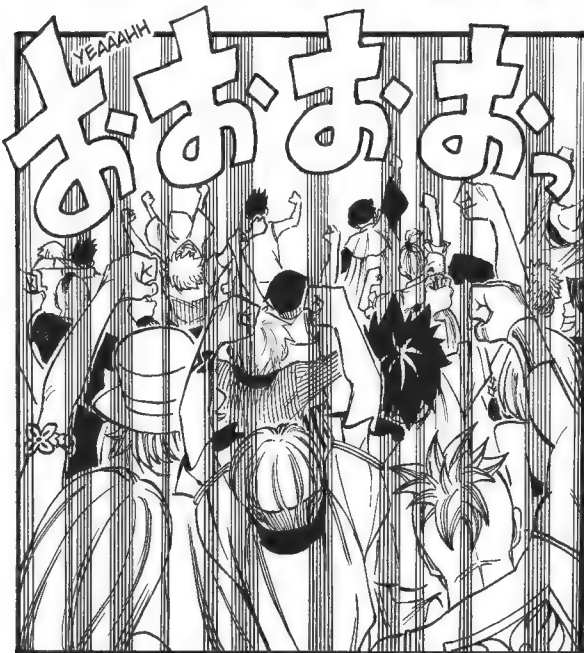
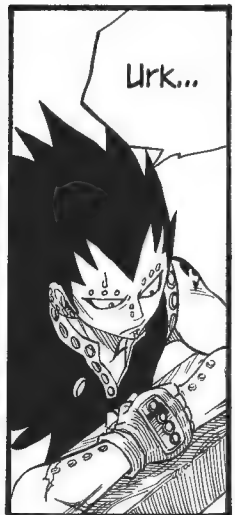
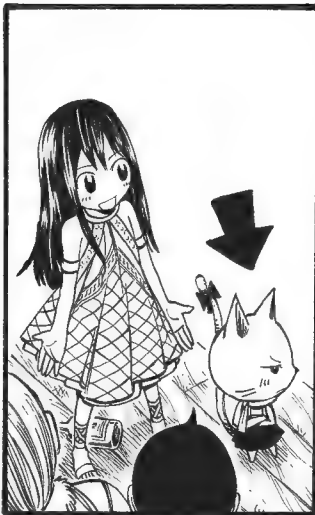
Young
lady! How
old are
you?













*A
welcome
party for
Wendy and
Carla!!!*

oooooooo!!

*Let's
make
some
noise
!!!*

Mira-
chaaaah!
Beer!

Got it!

Gray-sama!
You haven't
been cheating
on me, have
you?!

Wh-
What's
that sup-
posed to
mean?!!

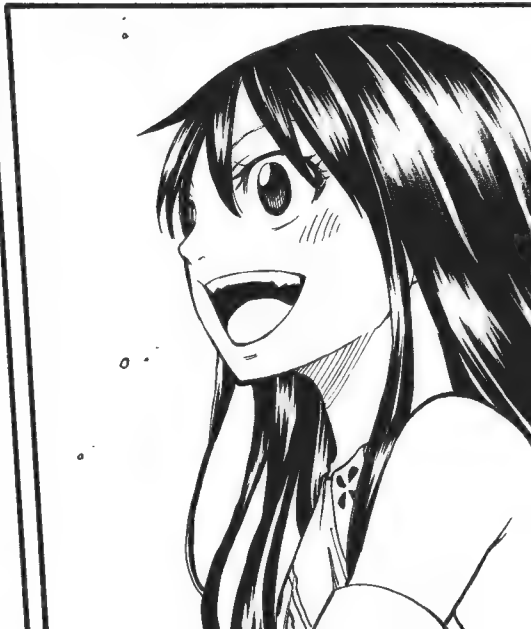
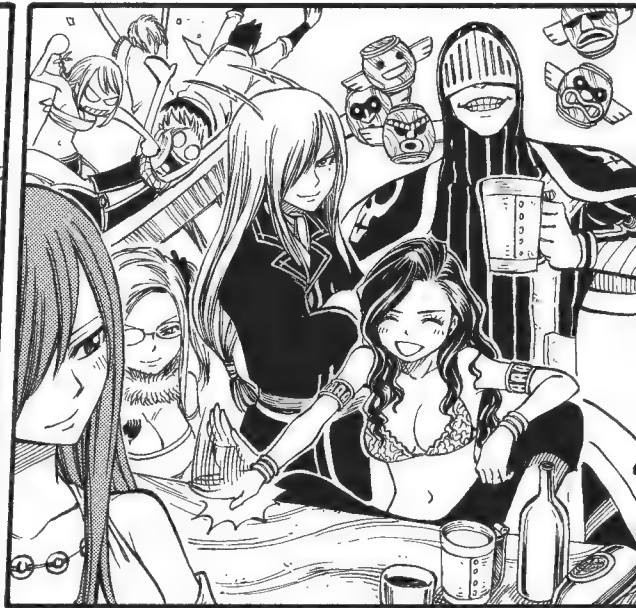
Carlaaa!
You want my
fish?

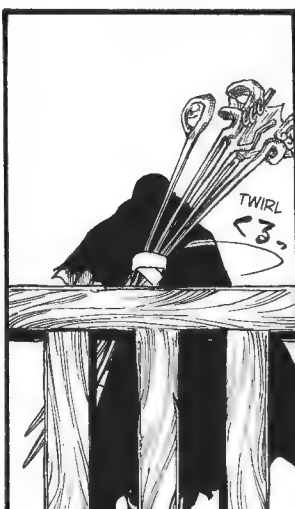
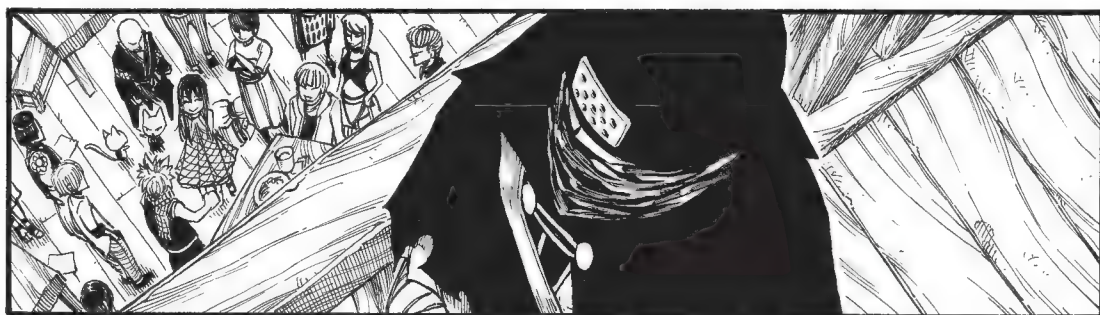
Not even
remotely!

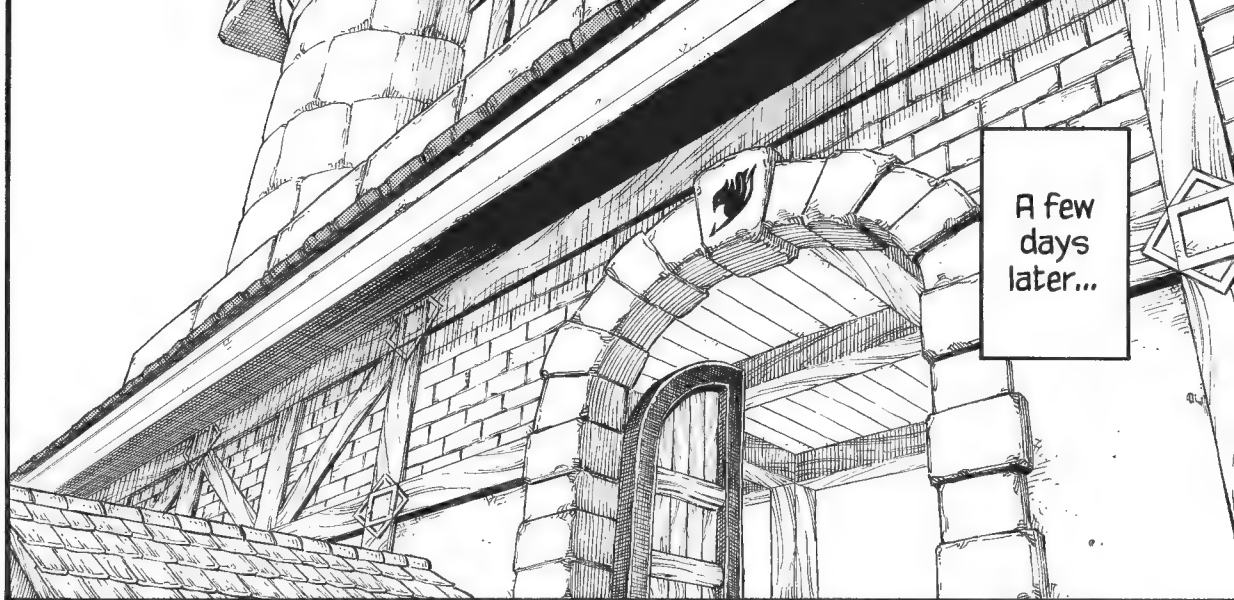
Way
to go,
Lucy!

Kyaaaaah!
My
clothes
!!!

Uwooooh!!!
I'm all
fired up
!!!







A few days later...



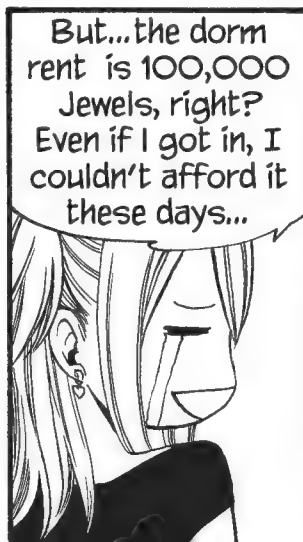
Yeah!

Well? Have you gotten used to the guild?

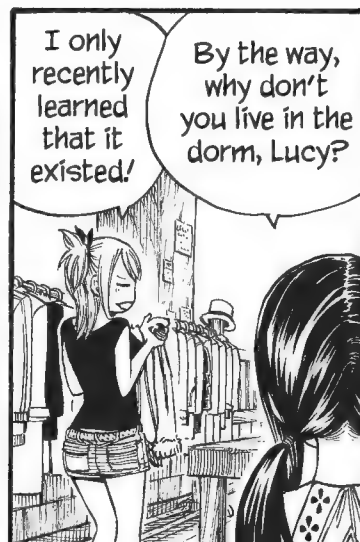
I'll admit I'm pleased that it has a women's dorm.



Big news, people !!!

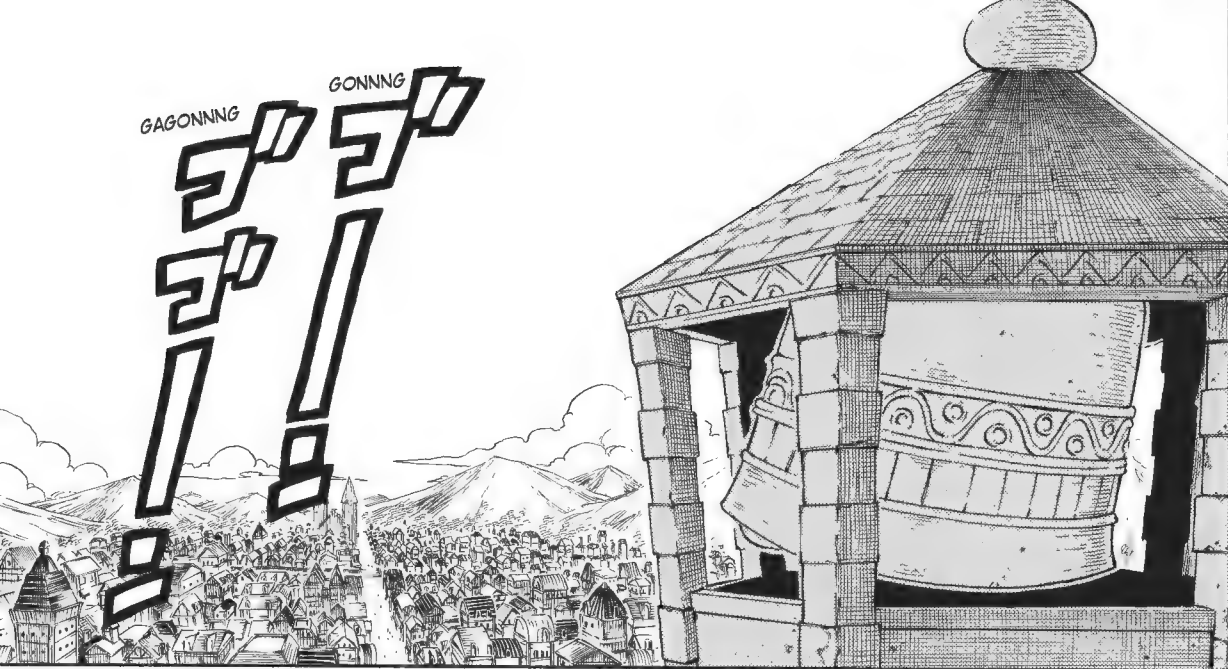


But...the dorm rent is 100,000 Jewels, right? Even if I got in, I couldn't afford it these days...



I only recently learned that it existed!

By the way, why don't you live in the dorm, Lucy?





**Gildarts
has come
back!!!**

**Aye,
sir!!!**



Wow...



...he's
supposed to
be the most
powerful
wizard in Fairy
Tail...



I've never
met him
either,
but...

Gildarts?

CLAMOR

CLAMOR

CLAMOR

CLAMOR



This guild is entirely too noisy!

It's like a festival, Carla!

Yes, whatever. What's all the racket for?!



Why, a job, of course! There's a level above S-Class quests. **SS-Class quests.**



Three years?!! What's he been doing all this time?!

It's been three whole years... since he was here last.

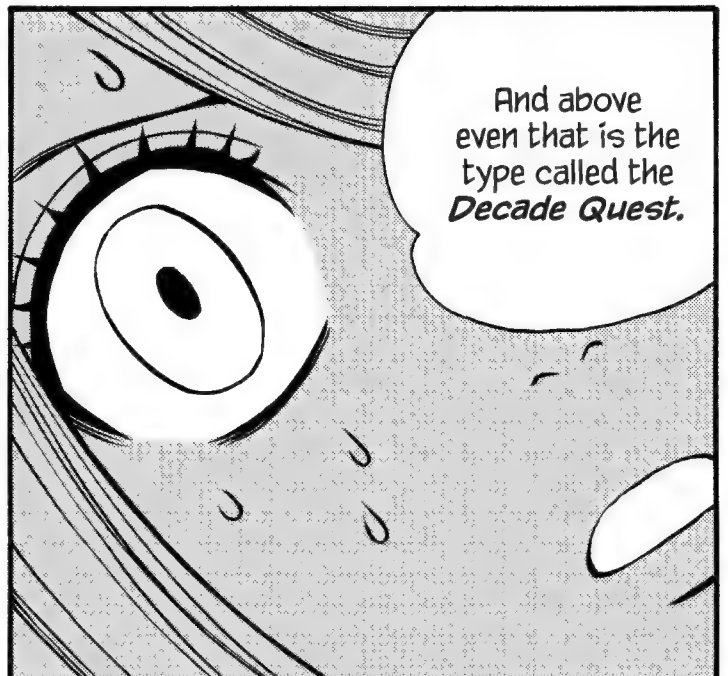


Mira-san?


The excitement is only natural.



Nobody's ever completed one in less than ten years, hence... the Decade Quest.



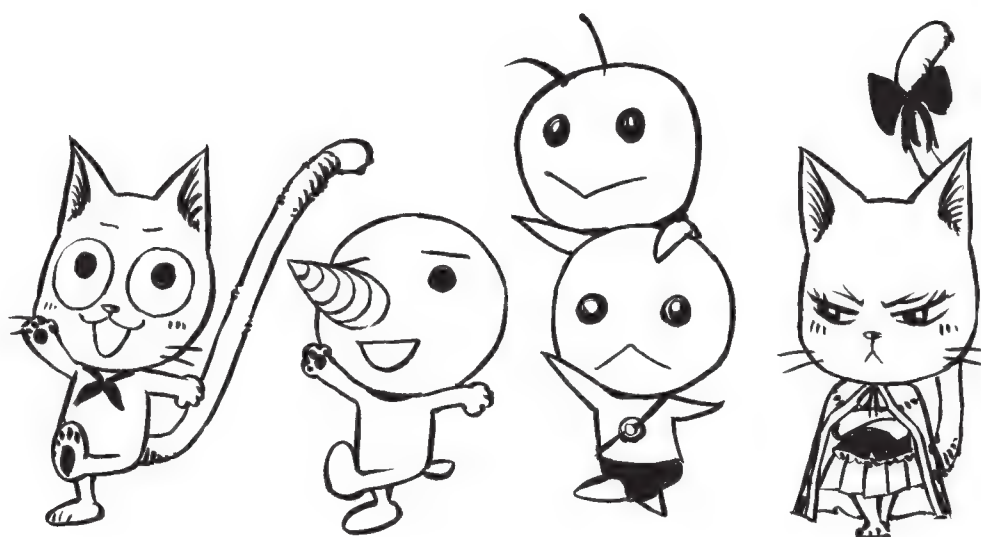
And above even that is the type called the Decade Quest.



**And
Gildarts
took one
above even
that...**

**He went
out on a
Century
Quest.**

FAIRY



TAIL

Chapter 166, Black Dragon



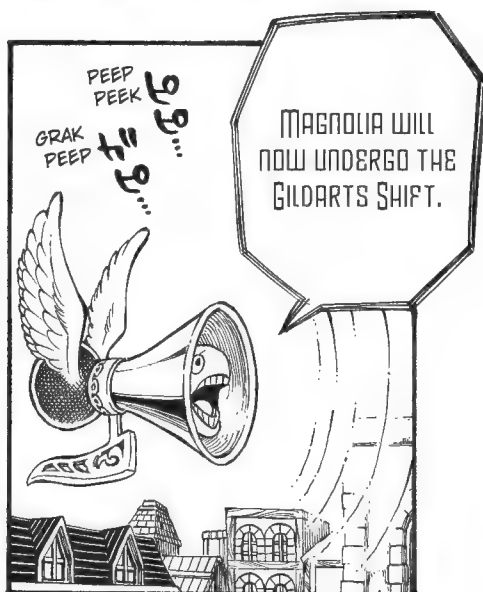
Gildarts
has come
back!!!

It's
Gildarts
!!!

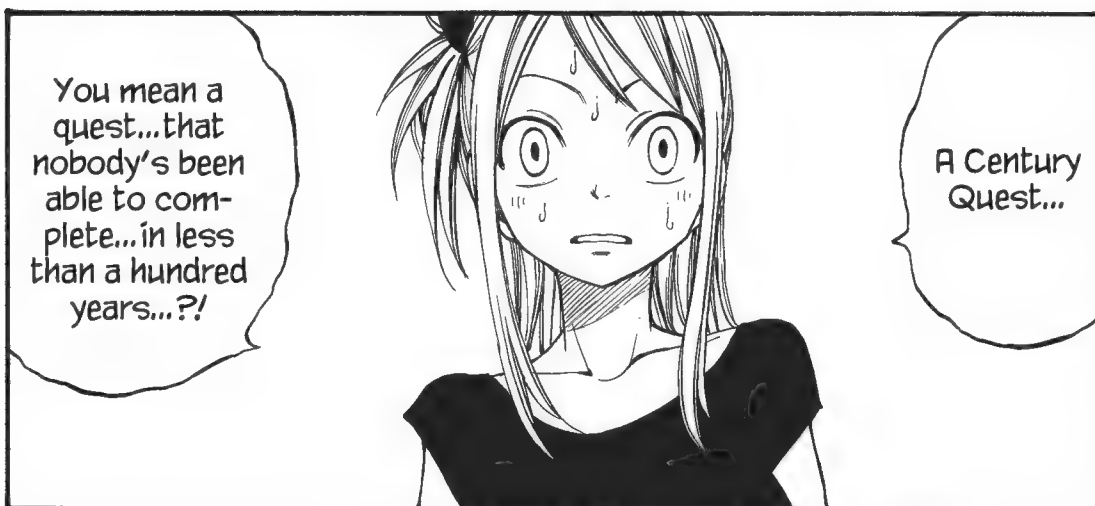


Will all citizens
please take
your assigned
positions.

TO REPEAT...

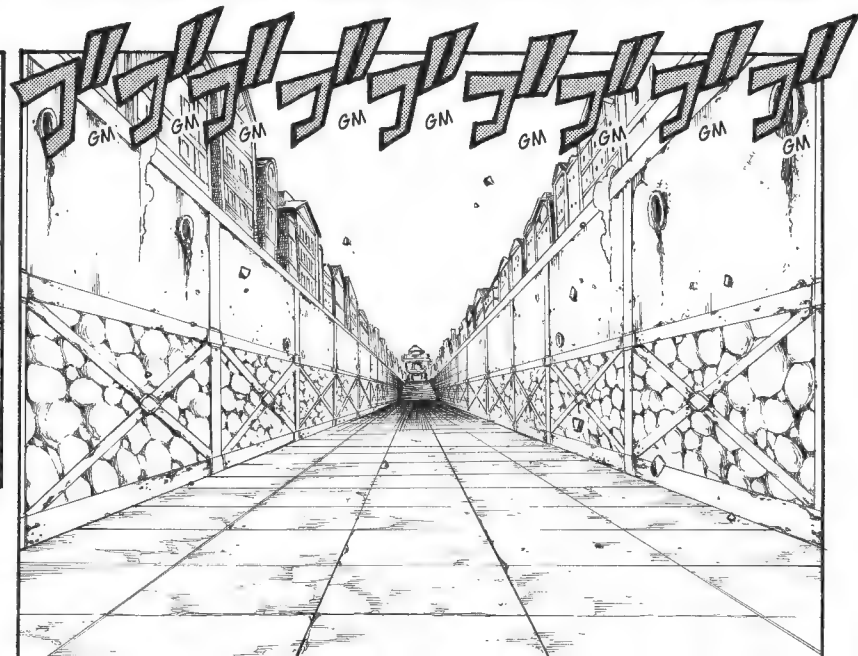
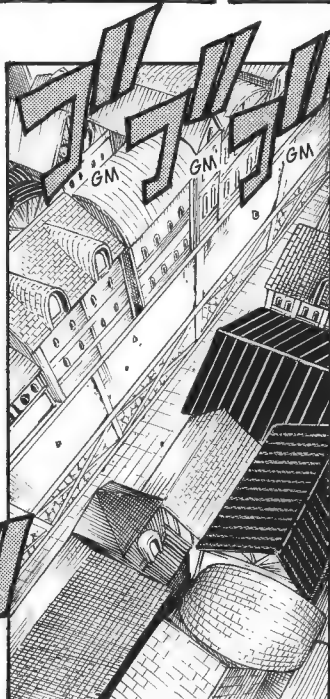
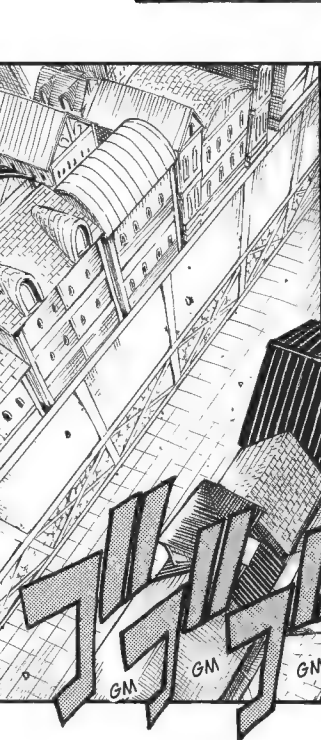


Magnolia will
now undergo the
Gildarts Shift.



You mean a
quest...that
nobody's been
able to com-
plete...in less
than a hundred
years...?!

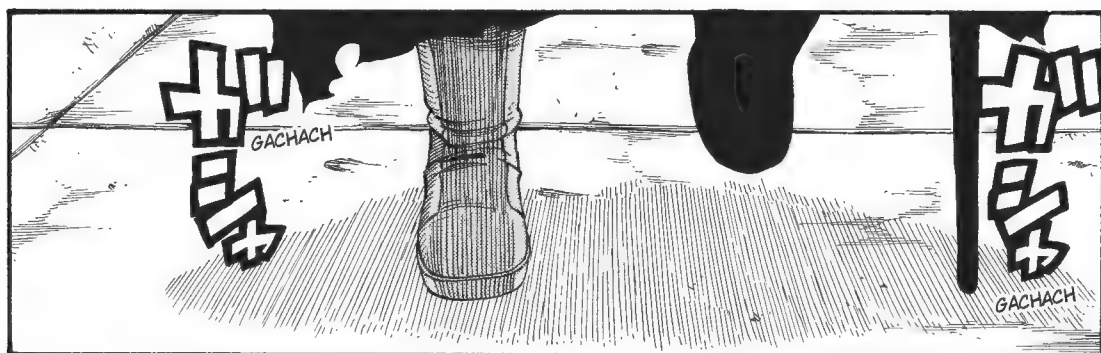
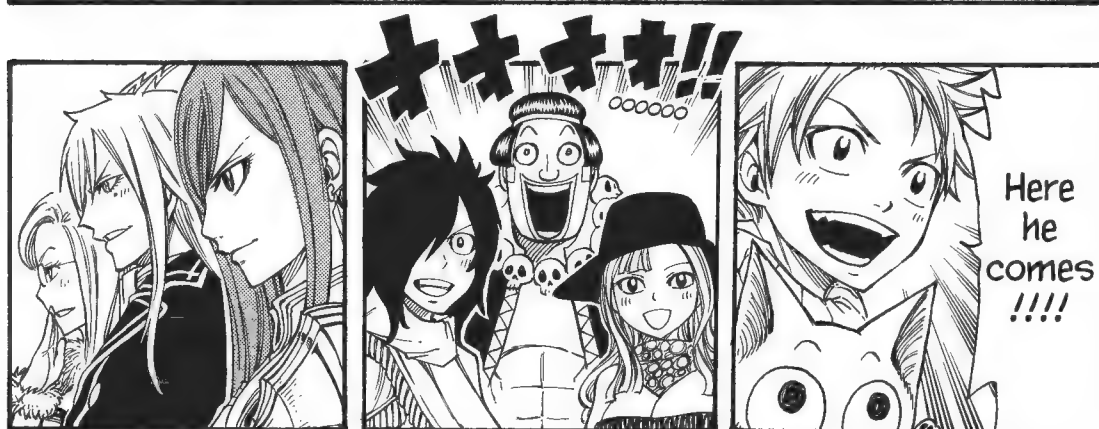
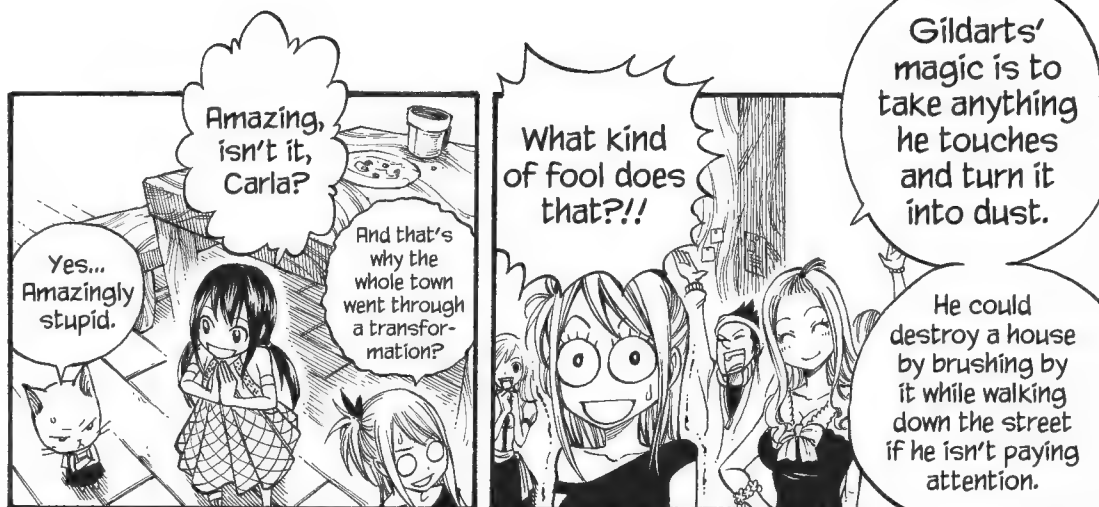
A Century
Quest...





...just
split in
two!!!!

The
whole
town
...





PHEW...

FAIRY TAIL
**GILDARTS
CLIVE**



Hm.

This guy is Gildarts?

Welcome home!

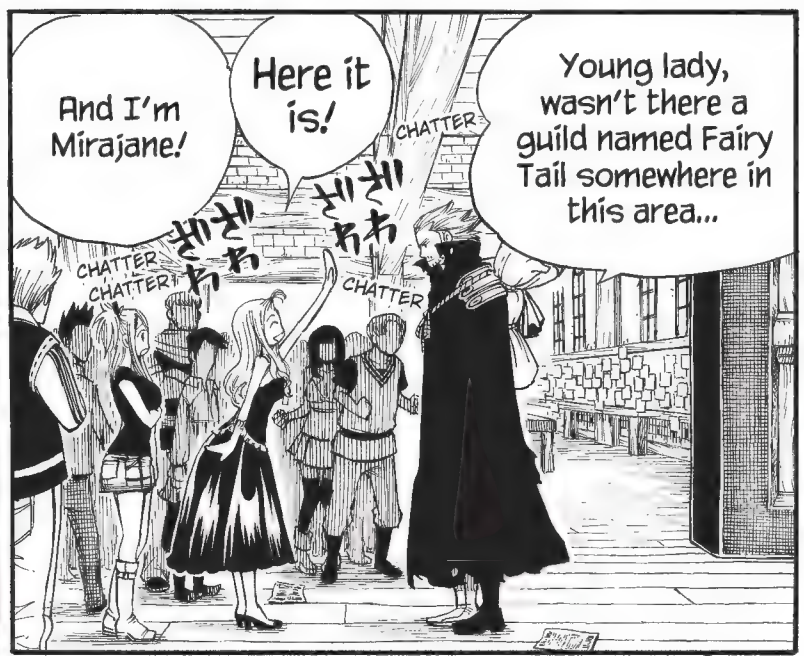


That's the first thing you say?!

Gildarts!!!
Come fight me!!!



Mira?



And I'm Mirajane!

Here it is!

Young lady, wasn't there a guild named Fairy Tail somewhere in this area...



Gildarts!!!!



And wait, did the guild get some kind of makeover?!!

You've changed a whole lot!!!

Couldn't you tell that from seeing the outside?

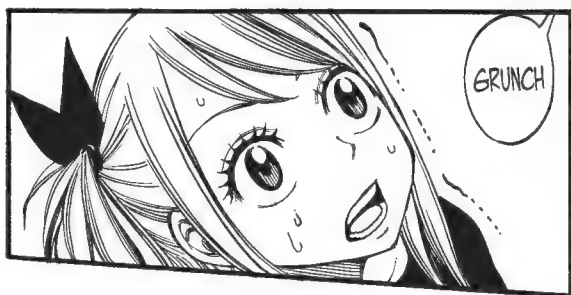
POFF



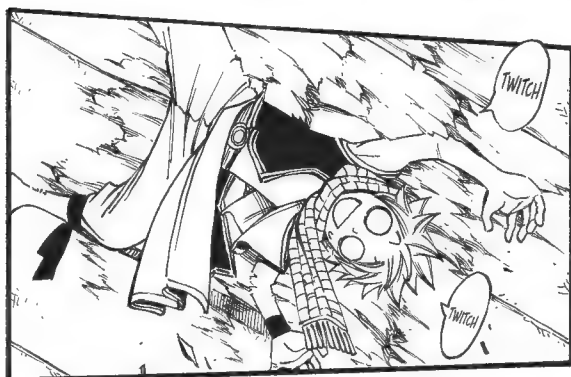
I just
told you
to come
fight
me!!!



Ohh!!
That you,
Natsu?!!
Long time,
no see!



GRUNCH



TWITCH

TWITCH



You
sure are
strong!

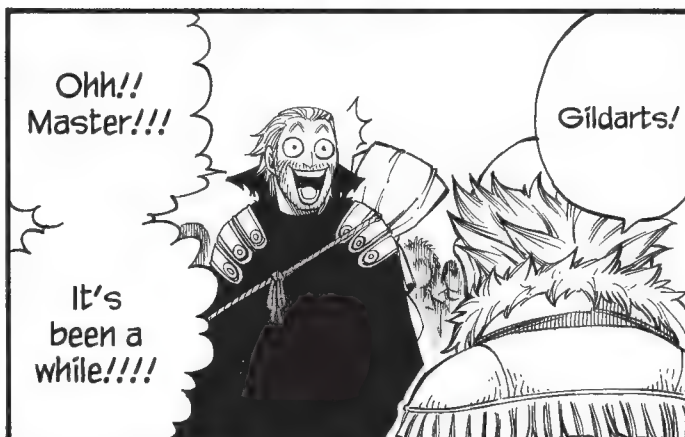
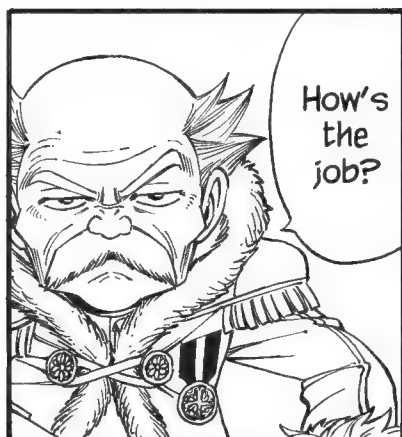
I-I
knew
it...

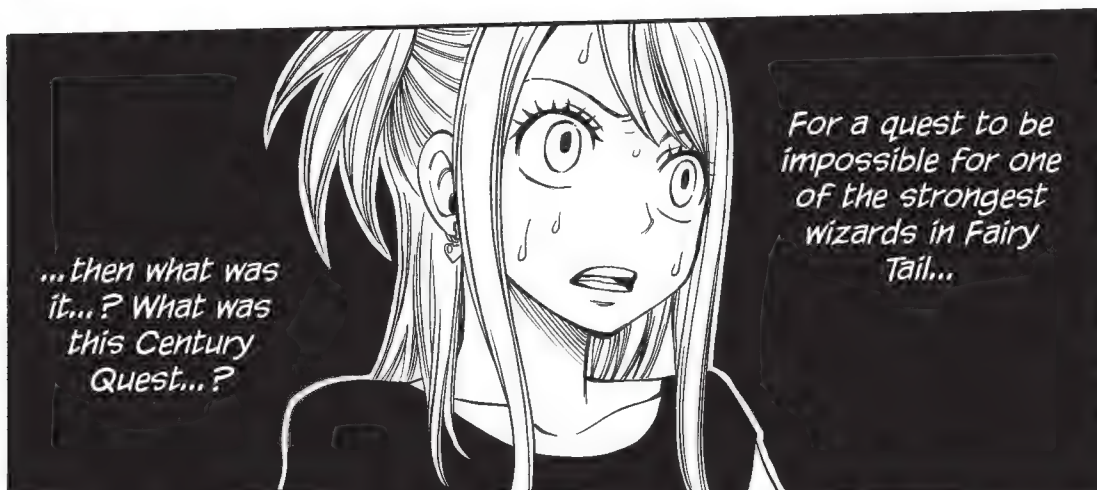


Some
other time,
maybe.

GHUFF
!!

VWACHACK







I need a rest, so I'm goin' home.

Ohh... man, I'm beat!



No... I'm just happy that you made it back healthy.

Sorry! I sullied our name, huh?

As far as I know, you're the only one ever to make it back from this quest alive.



Is that right...? You couldn't do it either...



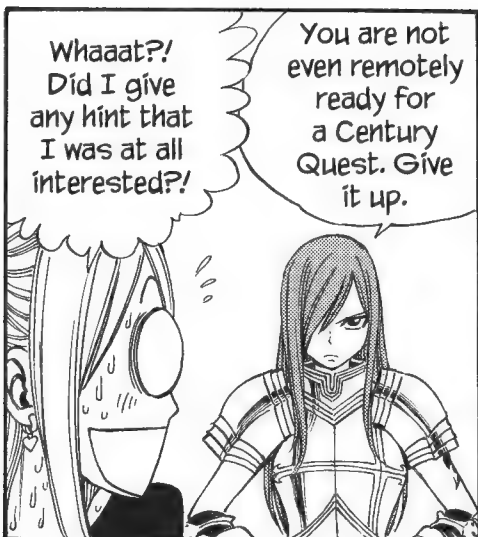
I got you a present!

GAH HA HA!



Natsu!

Come by my place sometime later.



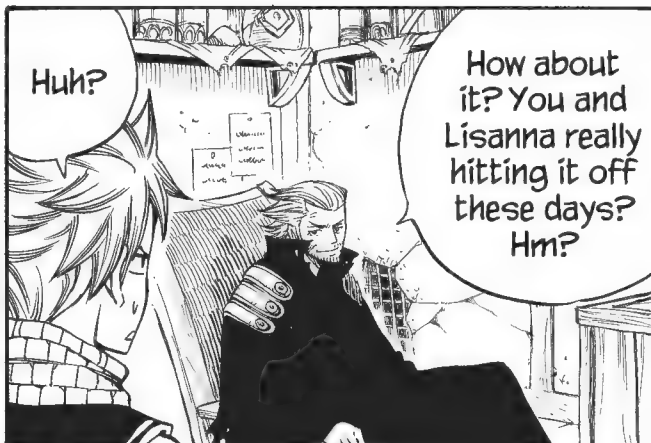
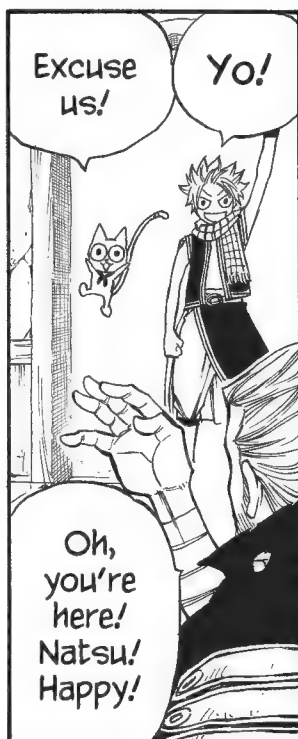
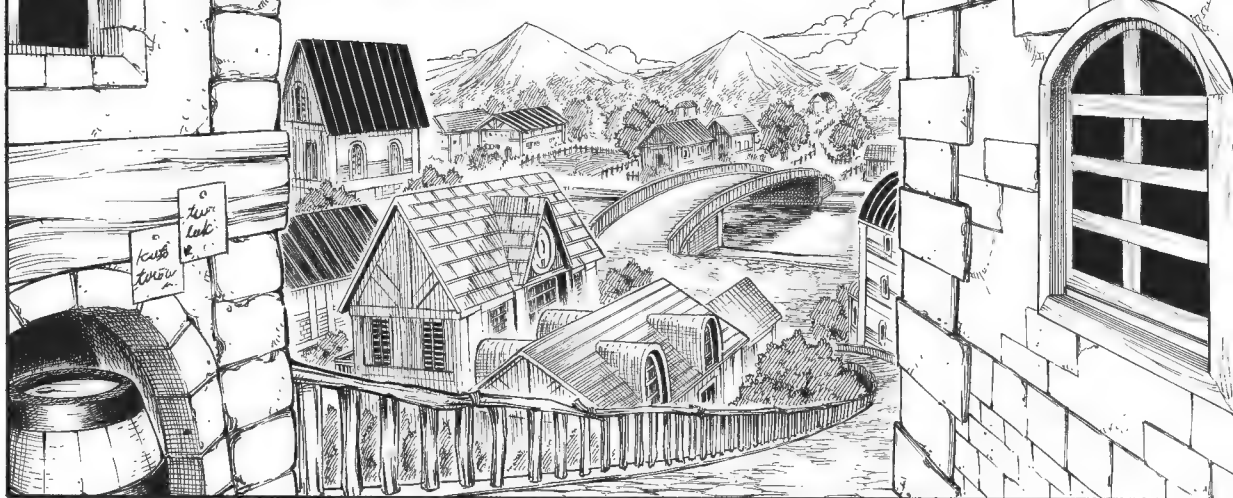
Whaaat?! Did I give any hint that I was at all interested?!

You are not even remotely ready for a Century Quest. Give it up.



Gildarts!! Use the door to go outside!!!!

Then if you'll excuse me...

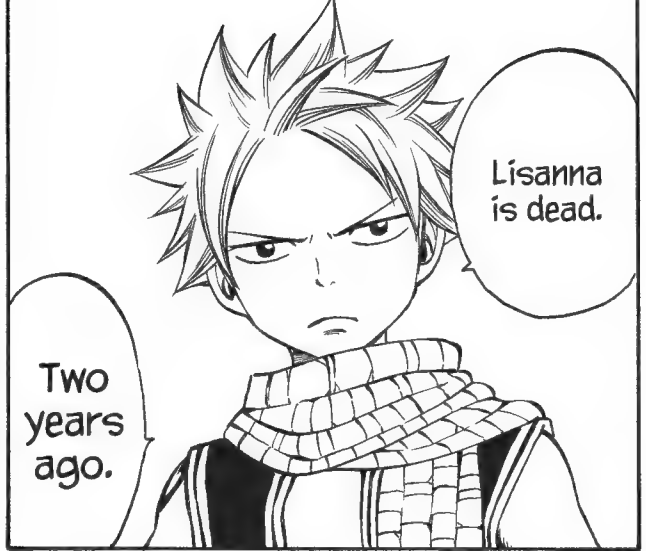




Y-You're
not seri-
ous...



.....



Lisanna
is dead.

Two
years
ago.



Natsu
...



If that's what
this was for,
I'm going
home.

Natsu,
wait!

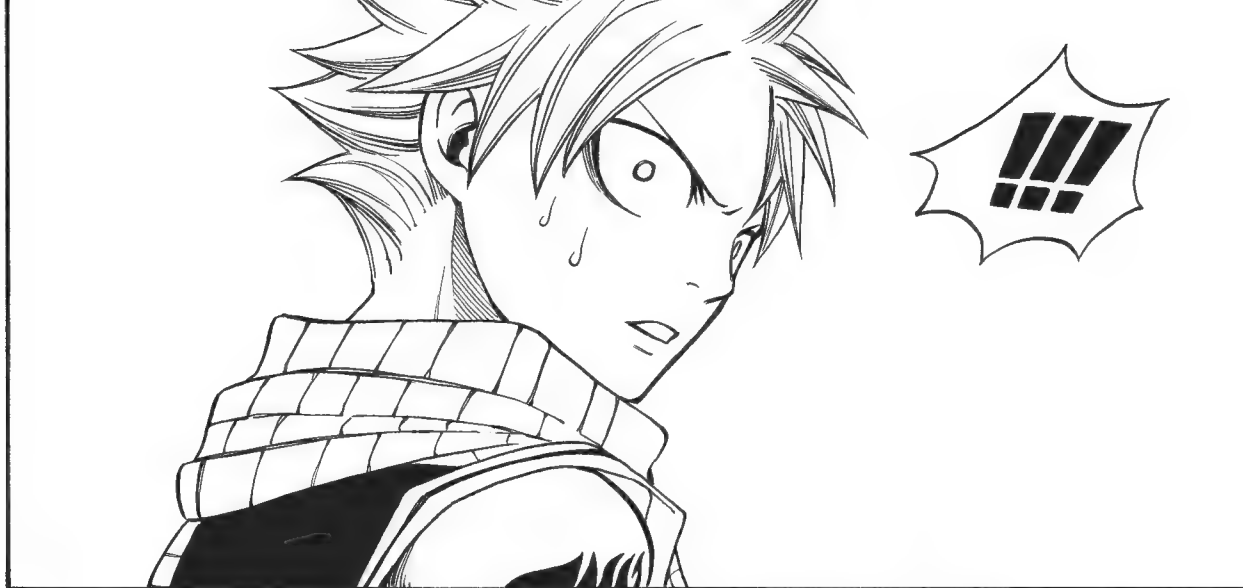
Ohh...
I-I'm
sorry,
Natsu!

Is that
right...
That would
explain
Mira...



I met a
dragon
there.

The place
where the
job was...



Wh-
Where did
you...



It was
a black
dragon.

I don't
think it was
the big red
one you're
looking for
though...



What'll you do
when you get
there?



DASH



Zonia,
the
Haunted
Peak.

And that's
the reason
I failed
in my job,
dammit!



Natsu, look at this...



Then maybe it left some clue behind!!!!

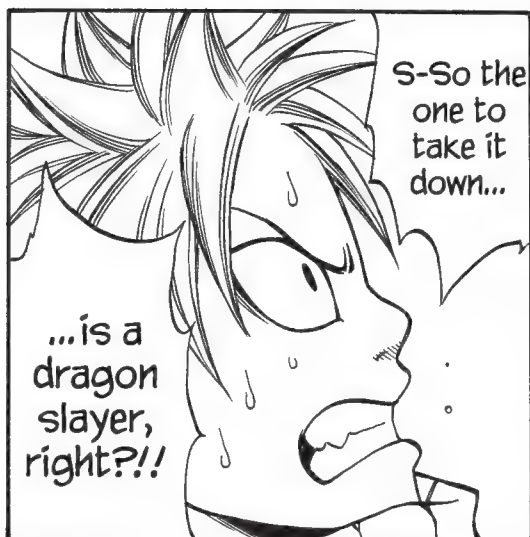
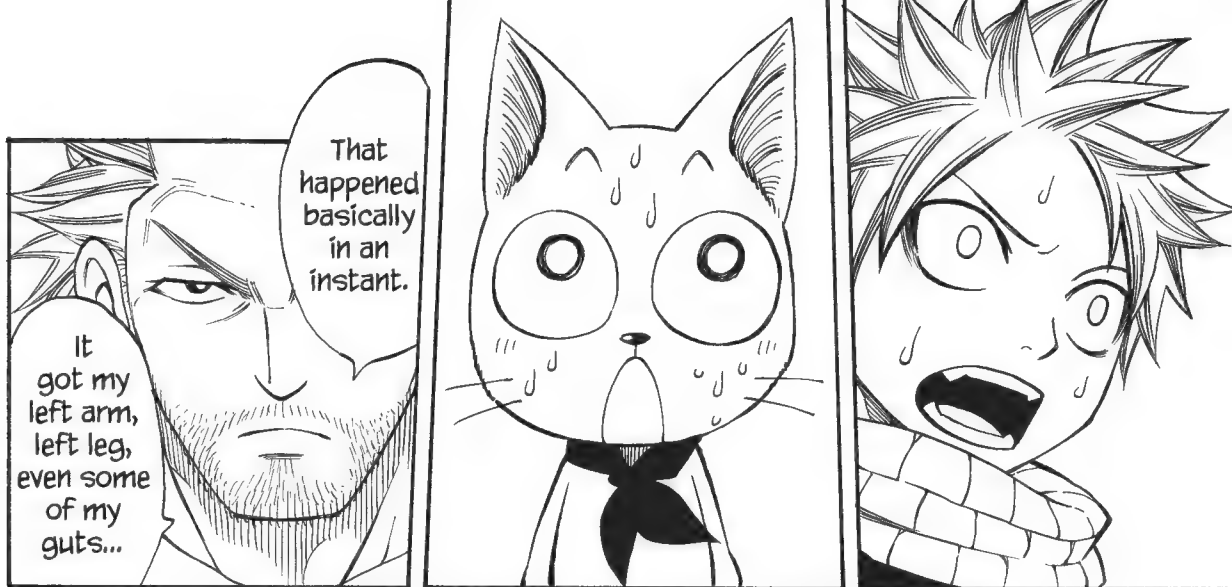


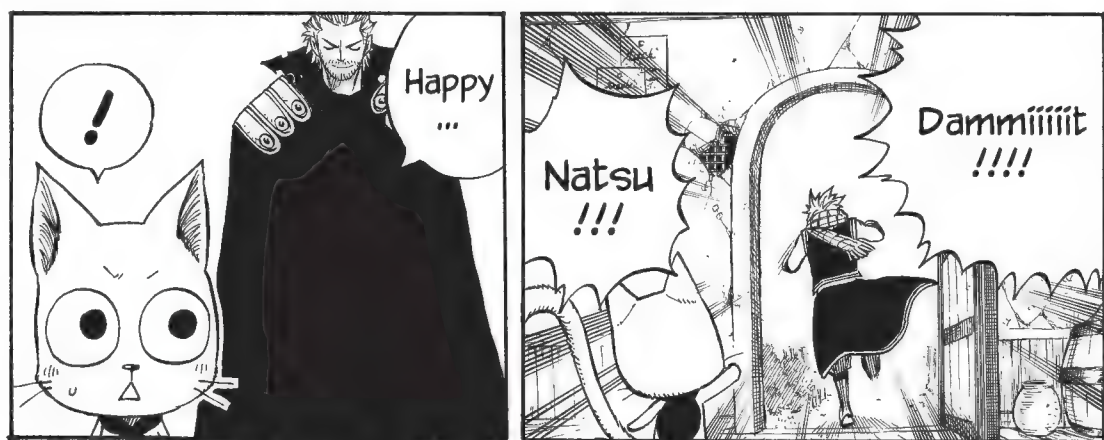
It ain't there anymore. That dragon's flying around the continent...or maybe even the whole world.

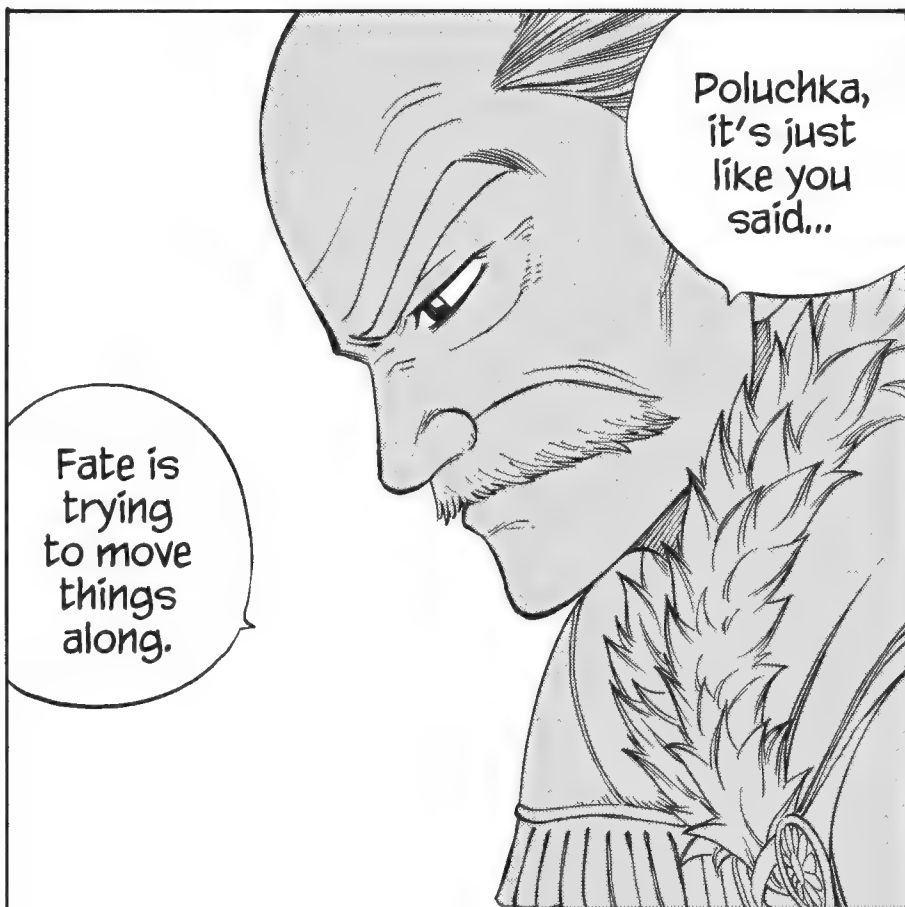


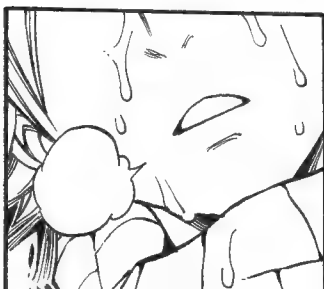
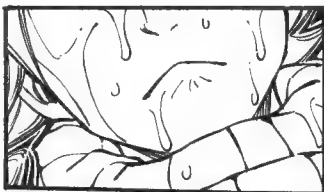
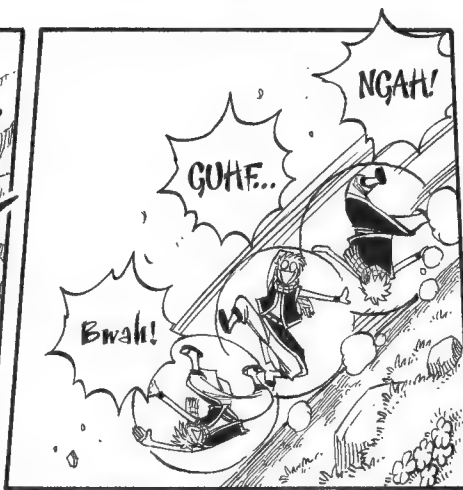
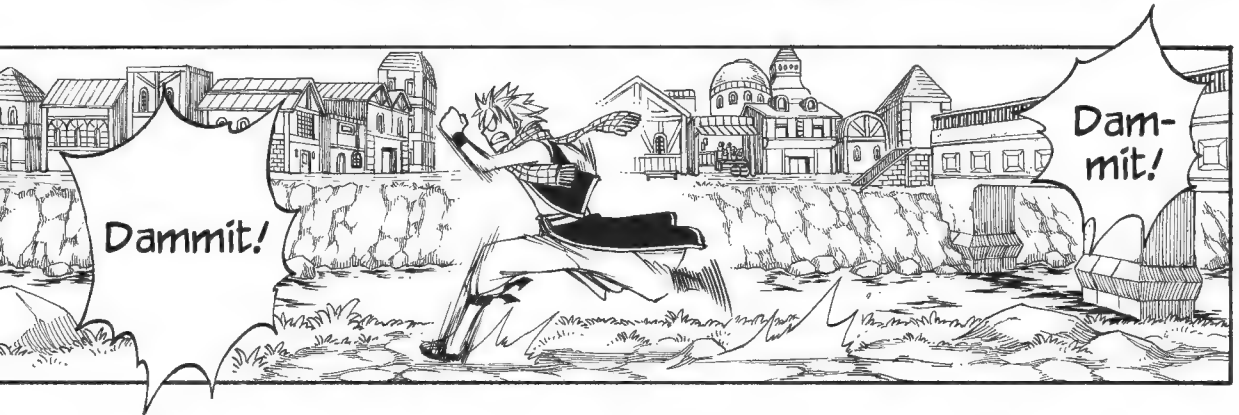
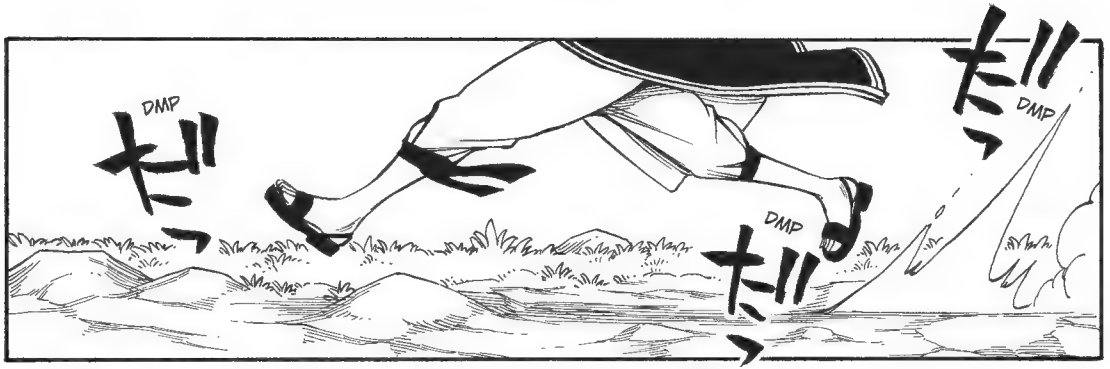
What do you expect?!! I'm gonna find out where Igneel is!!!










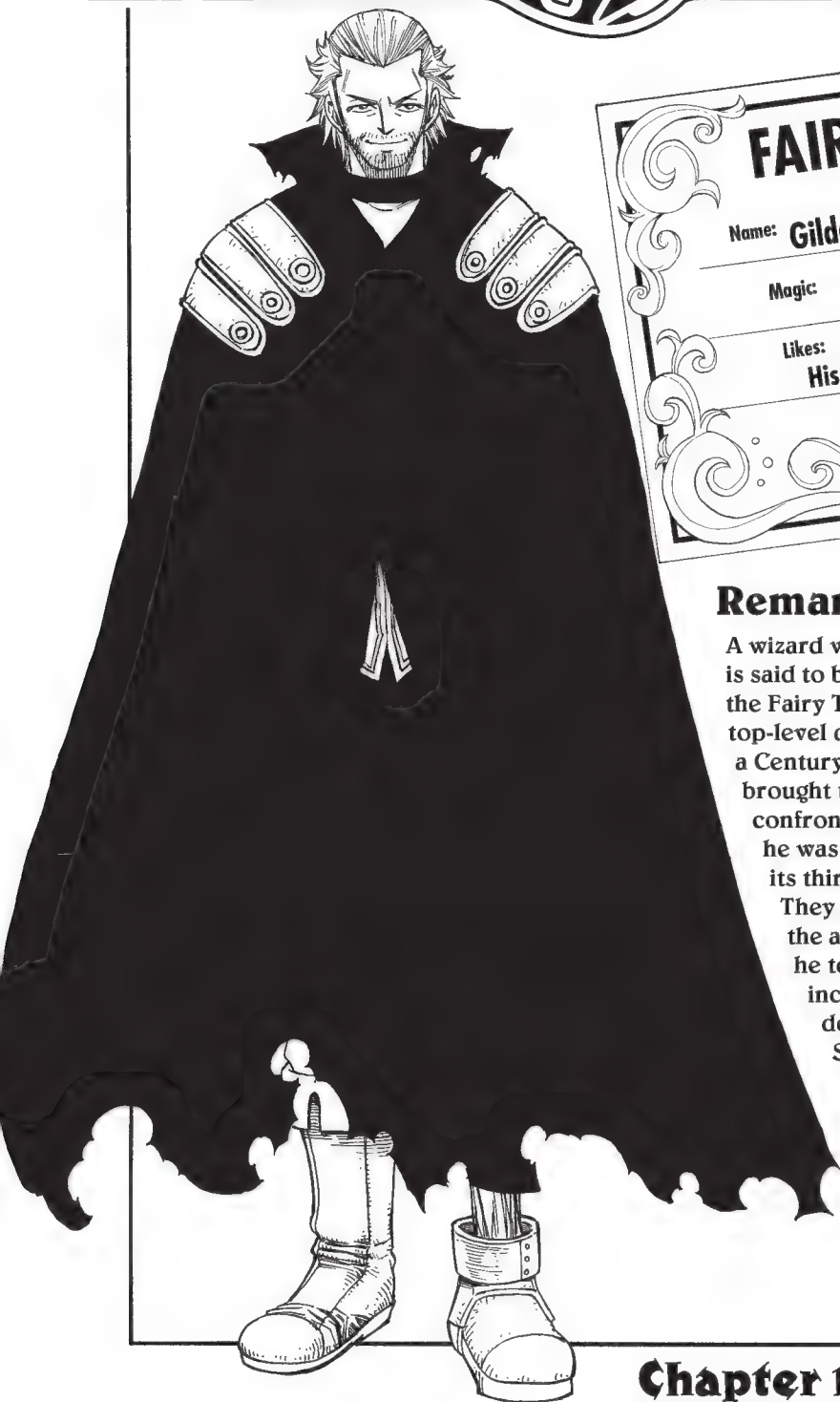


A black and white manga-style illustration. A large dragon with a scaly, textured body is shown from the chest up, breathing a large plume of fire. The dragon's head is in the upper left, with its mouth open and fire coming out. Its eyes are visible, looking down at a small boy. The boy is lying on the ground in the lower right, looking up at the dragon with a wide-eyed, screaming expression. He has spiky hair and is wearing a simple loincloth. The background consists of rocky, uneven ground with some sparse grass.

Are you
doing
okay...

...
Igñeel?

FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL	
Name: Gildarts Clive	Age: 45
Magic: Crush	
Likes: His Guild	Dislikes: Ivan Dreyar



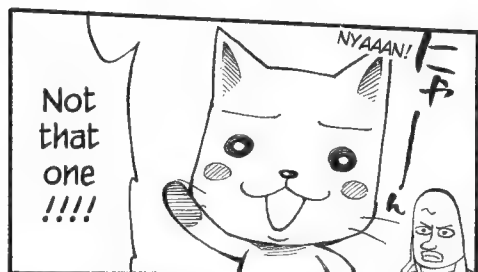
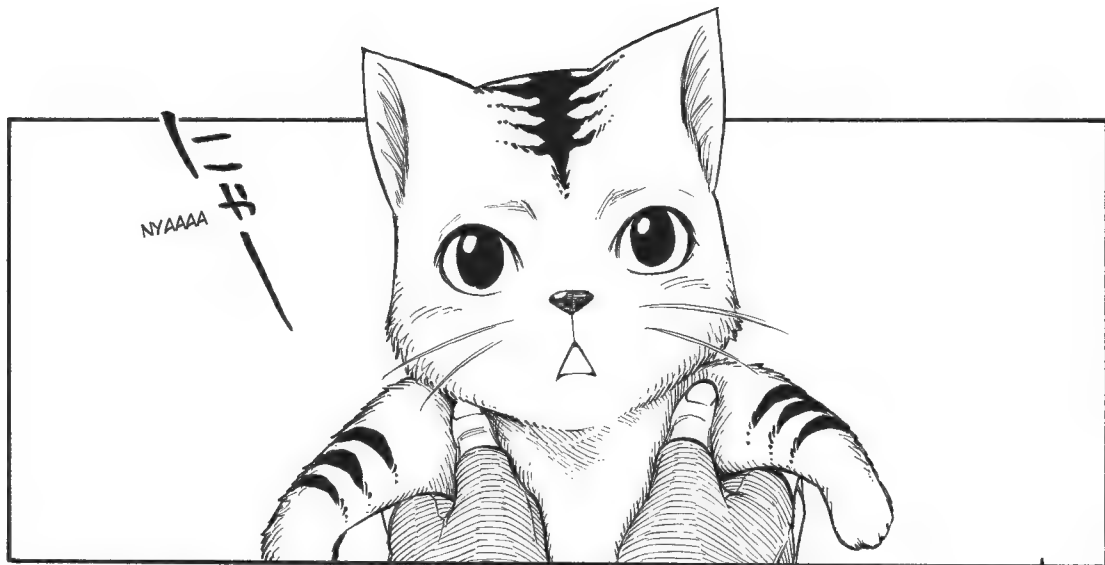
Remarks

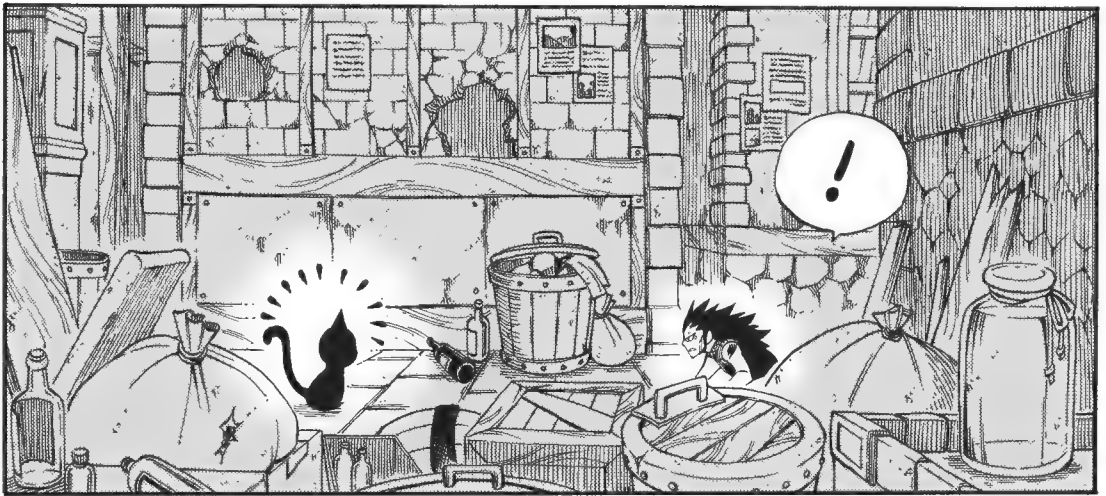
A wizard with a high reputation who is said to be the strongest member of the Fairy Tail guild. He went on the top-level quest in the magic world, a Century Quest, but his quest was brought to an end when he was confronted by a black dragon and he was forced to quit the quest in its third year.

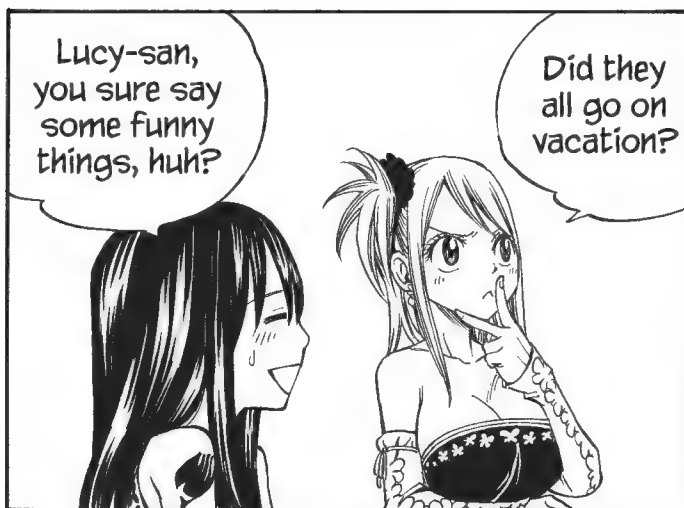
They say his magic, Crush, is the ability to reduce anything he touches to powder. It is an incredibly advanced kind of destruction magic.

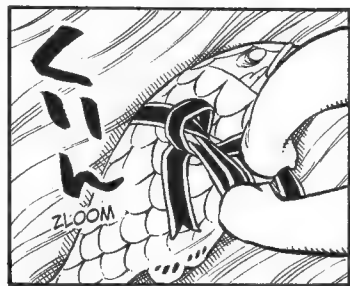
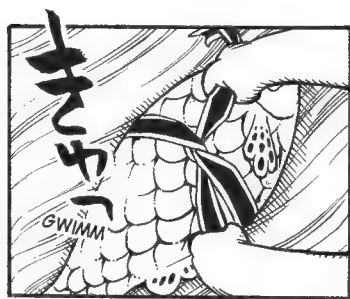
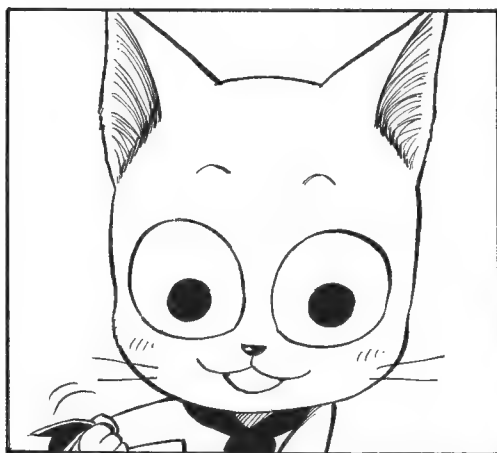
Since he has a tendency to space out and in the process collapse buildings without realizing it, the main street of Magnolia can be transformed just for Gildarts.

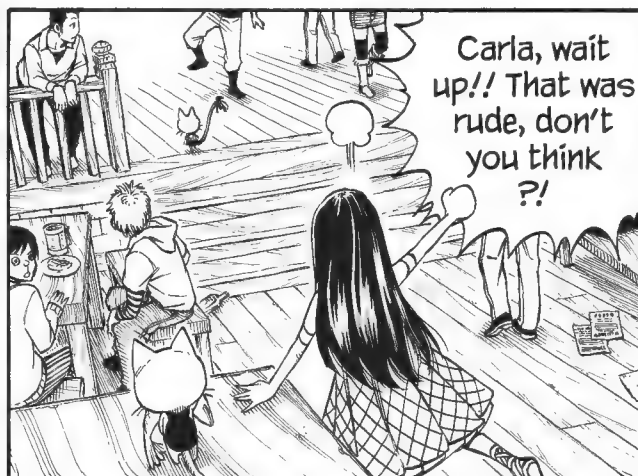
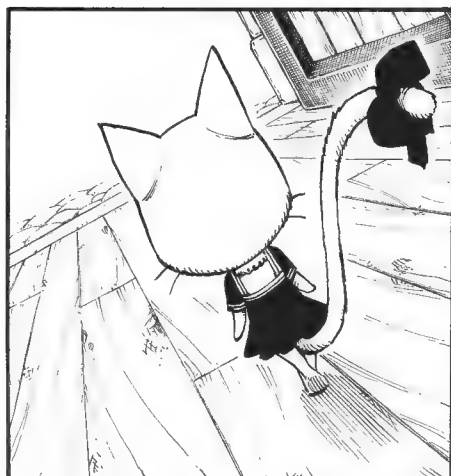
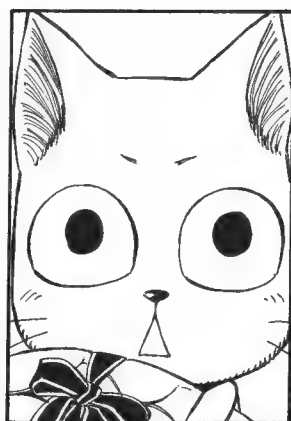
**Chapter 167,
The Vanishing Town**

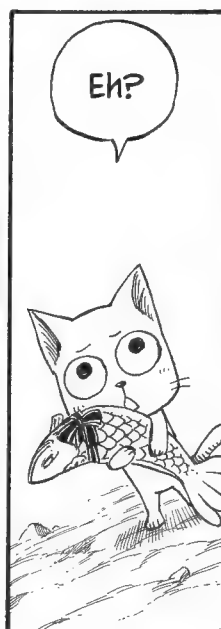
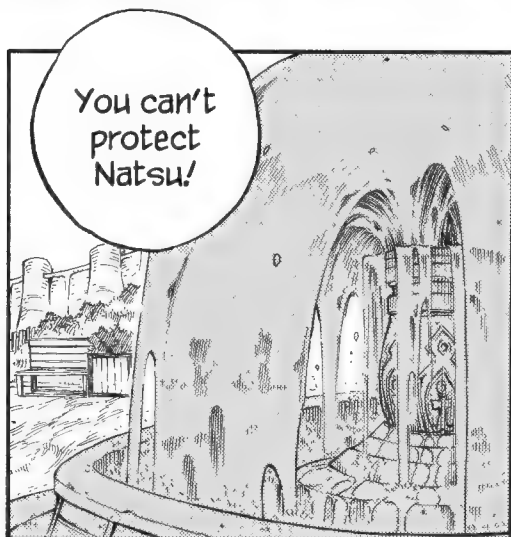


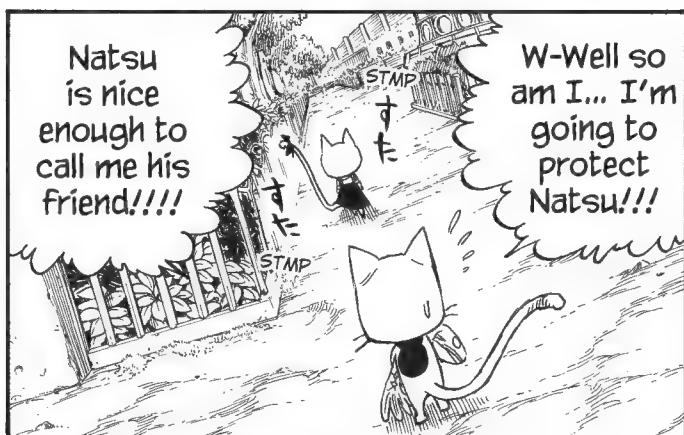
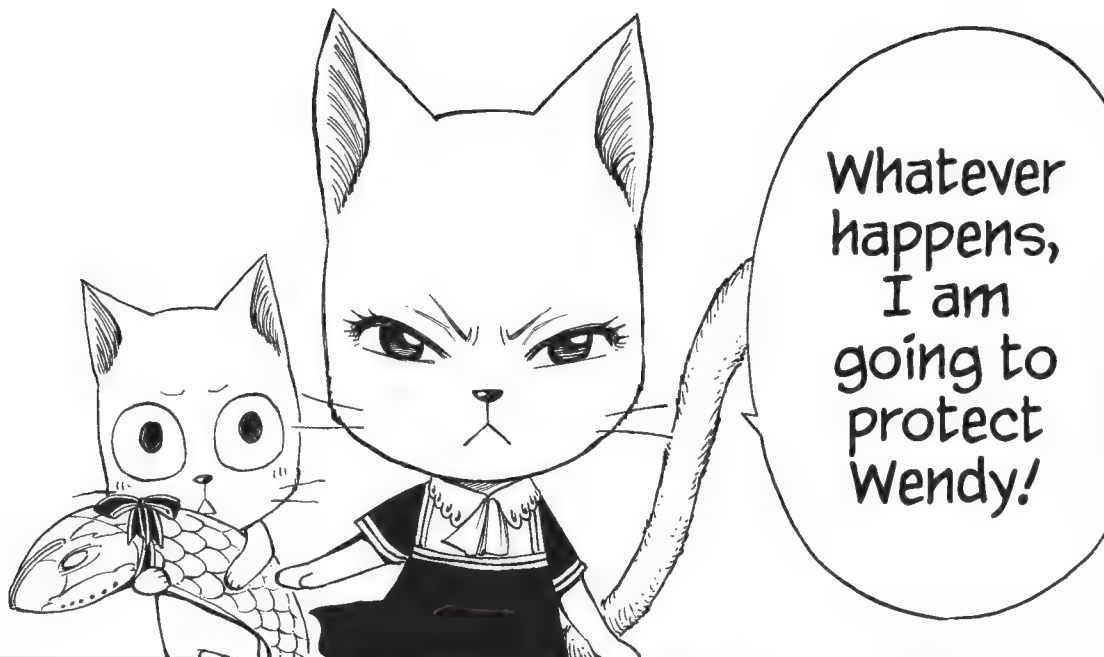


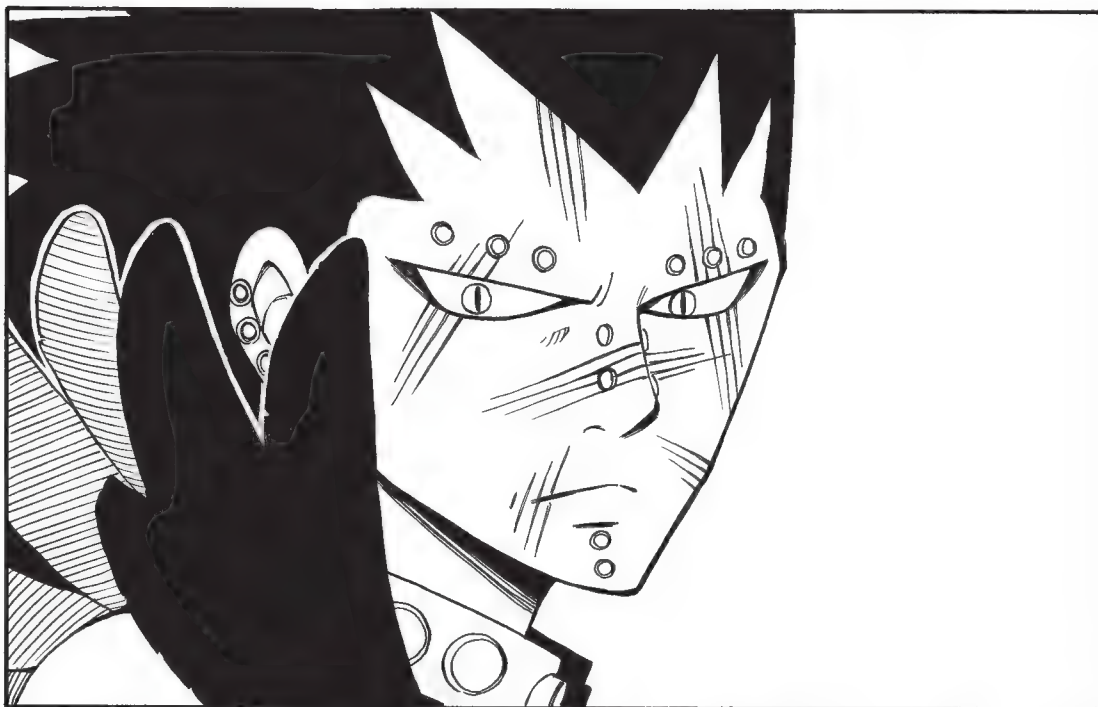
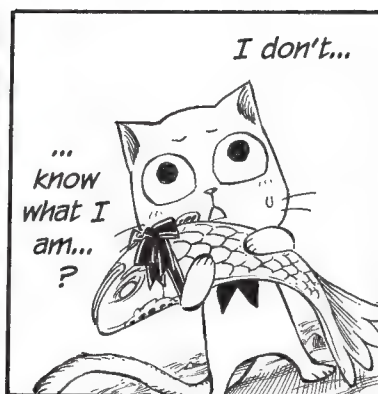
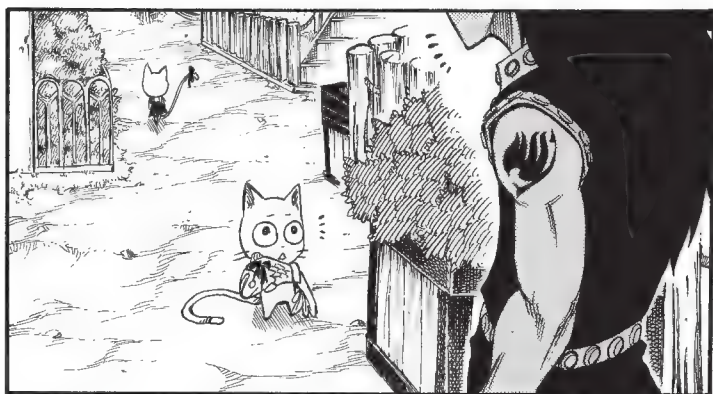


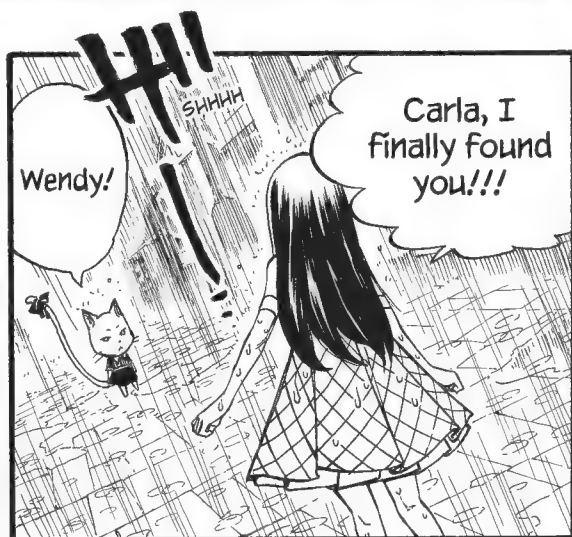










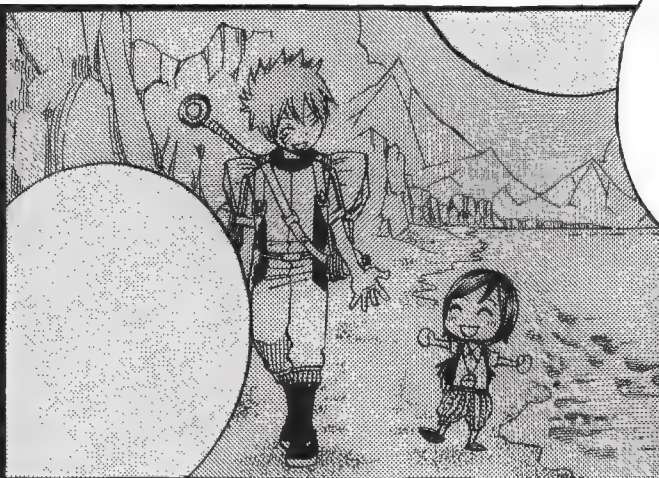








So I
used the
name "Jellal"
with you.



Seven years
ago, I didn't
know very
much about
this world.



Y-You're
saying...



"This
world"?!
EH?



You're the
Jellal...

...I knew
7 years
ago...



Y...

You...





I
wanted
to see
you
again
all this
time!

I
wanted
...



But... we don't
have any time
to enjoy our
reunion...

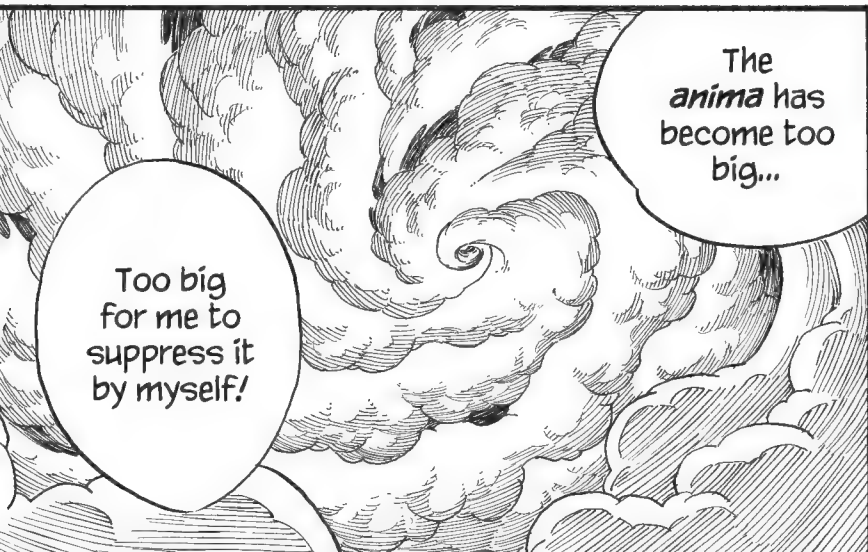
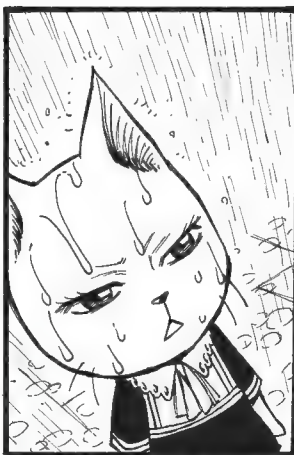



SNIFF

SNIFF

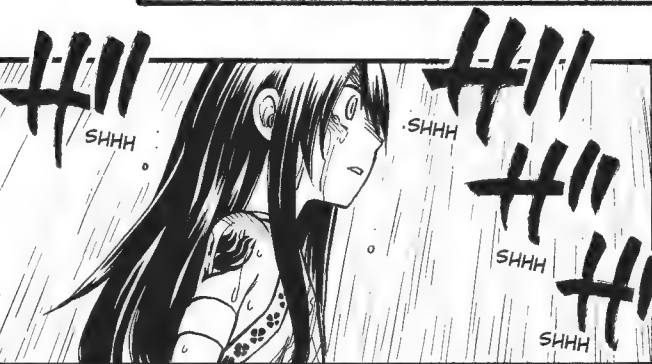
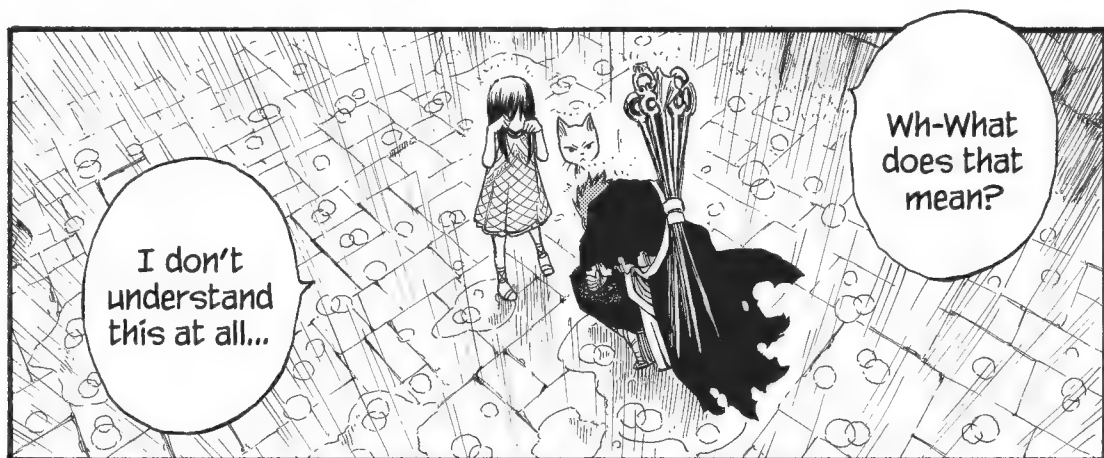


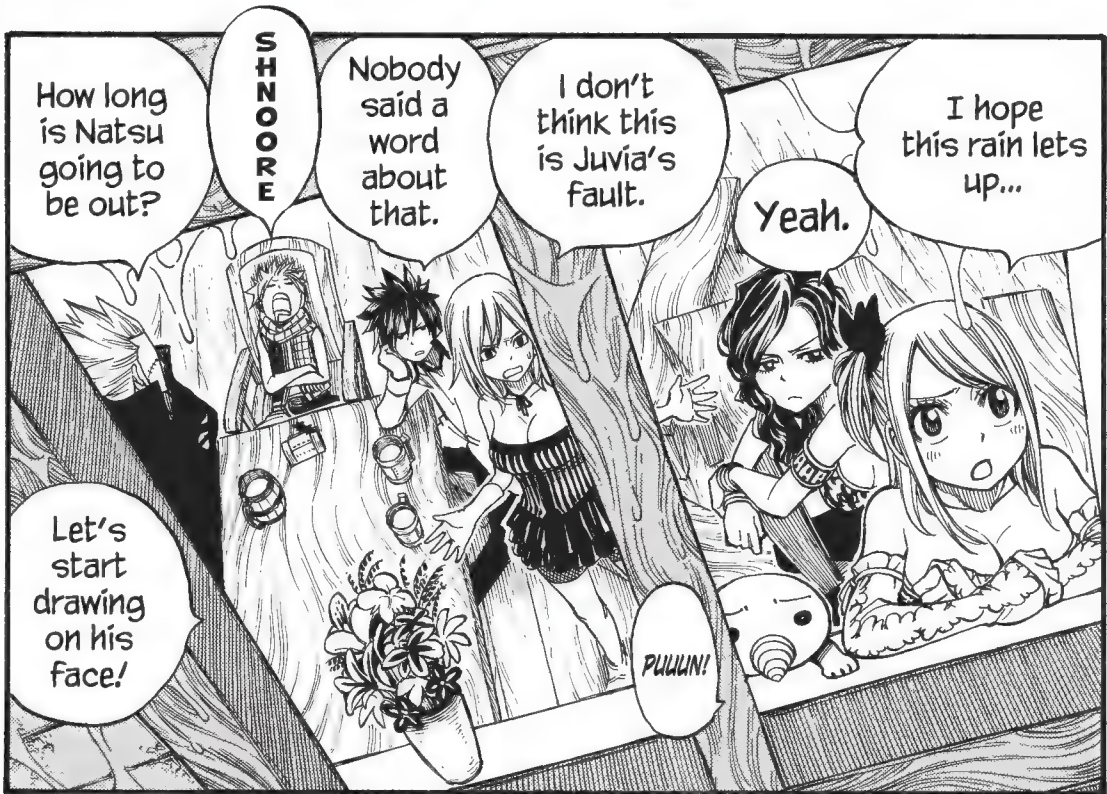
I'm sorry
I never
went back
for you.

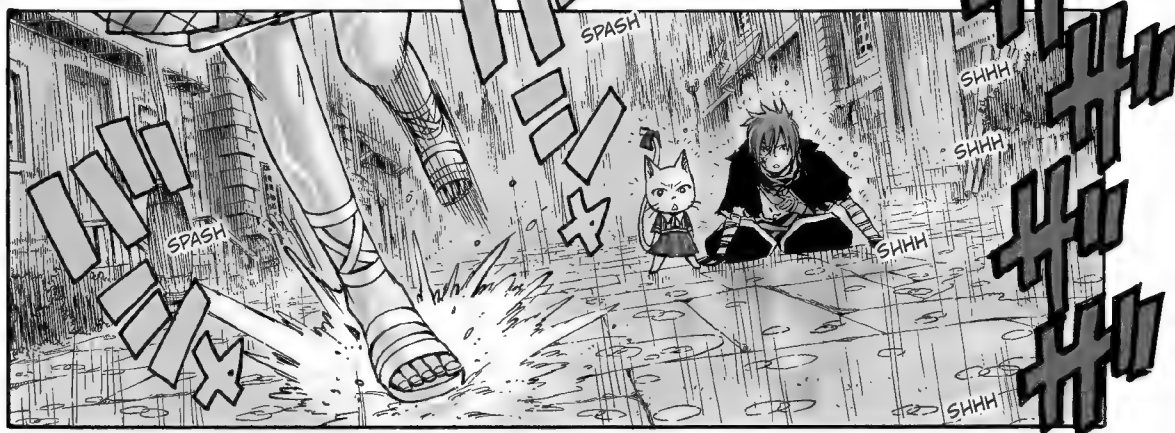




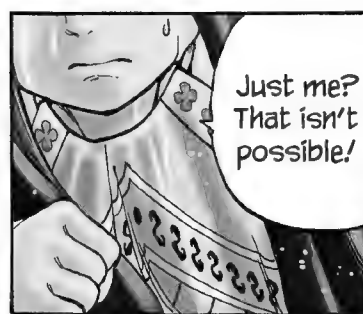
**And very
soon it's
going to wipe
Magnolia
off the
map!**







I'm already ...



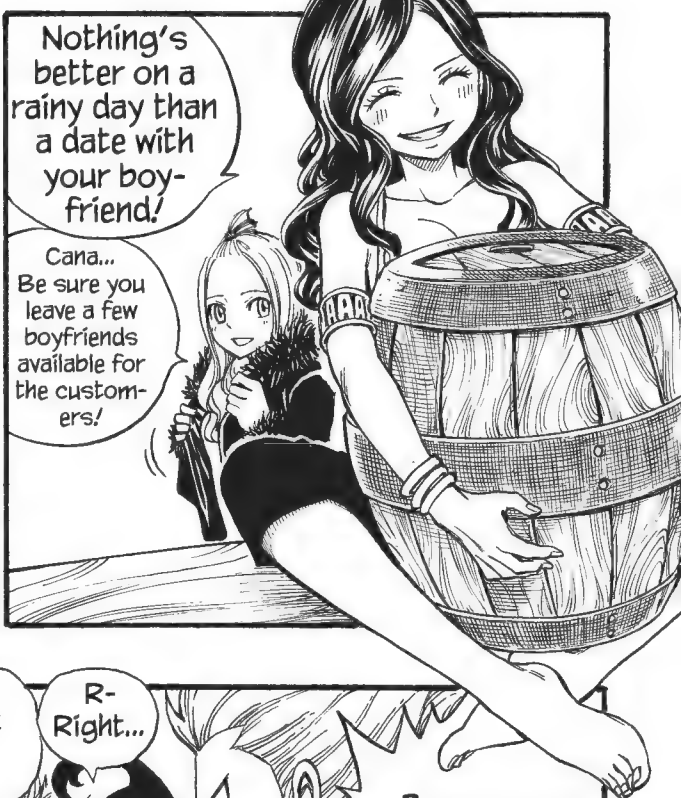
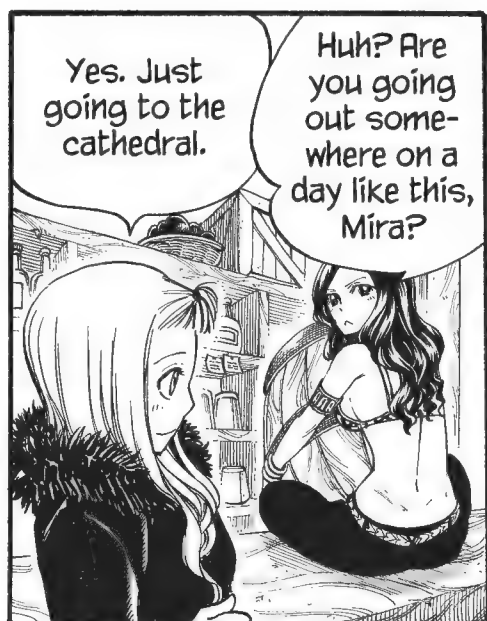


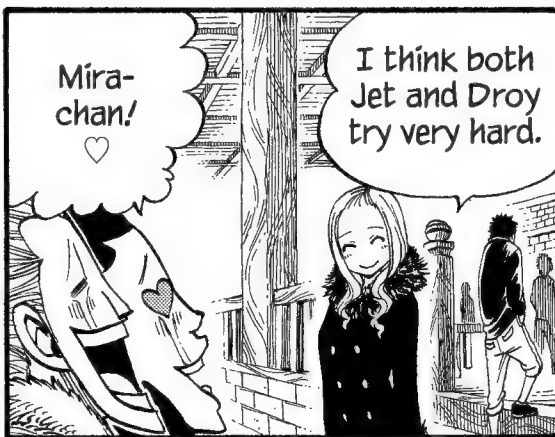
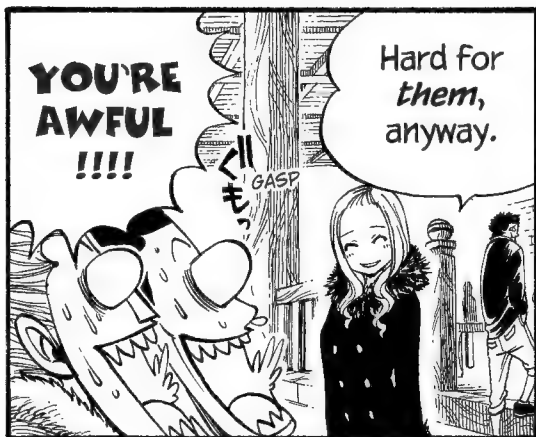
Chapter 168: Earth-land

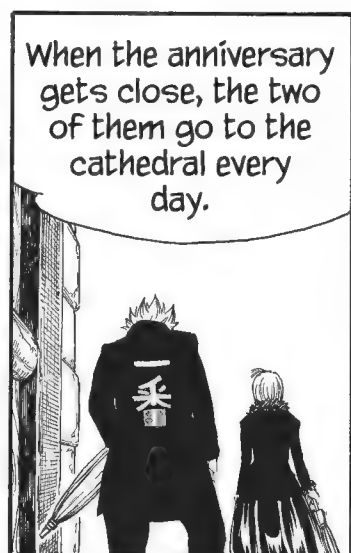
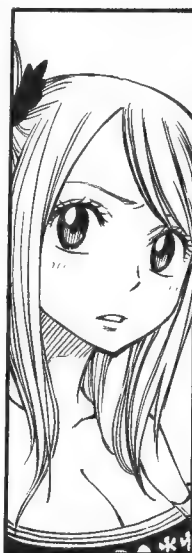
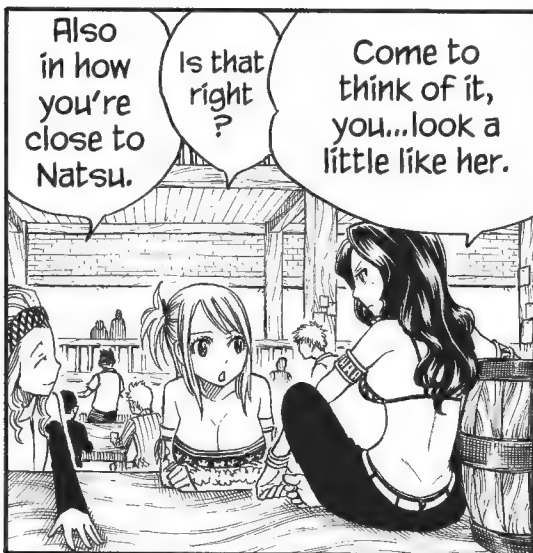
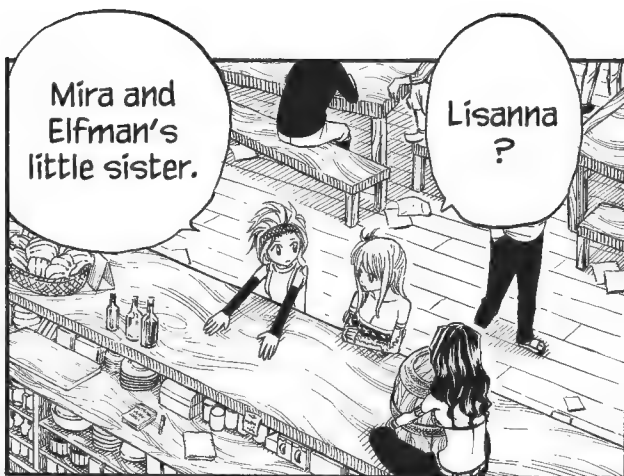
Search for the Differences

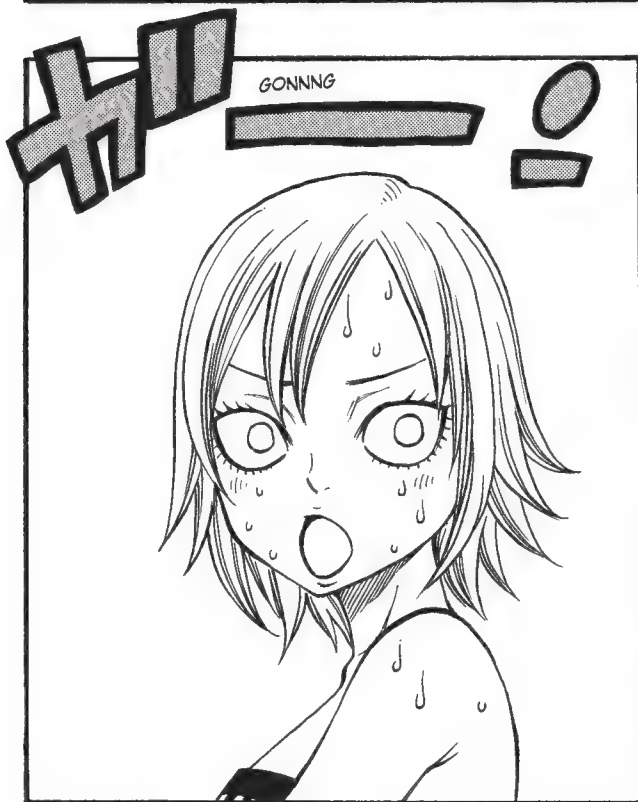
Compare this to the splash page of Chapter 162! There are a total of ten difference to find.

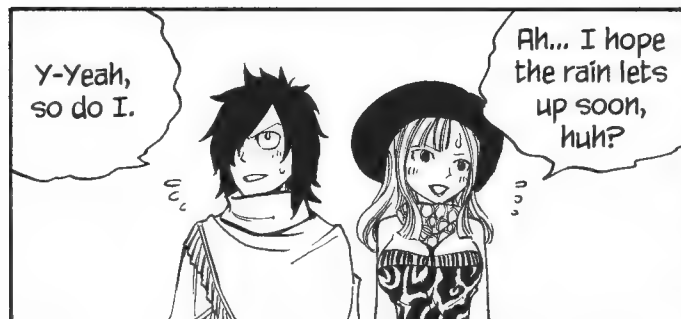
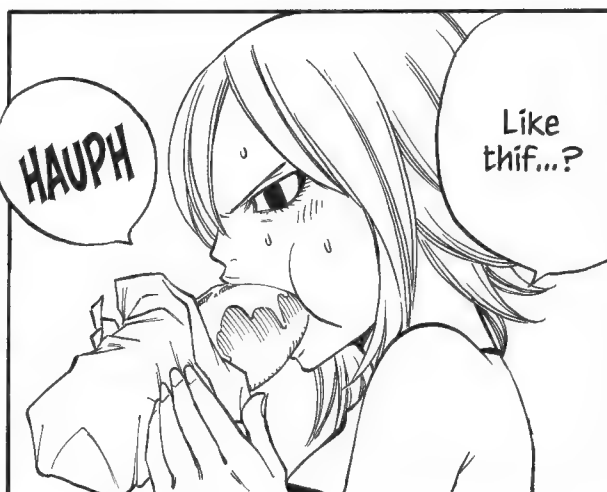


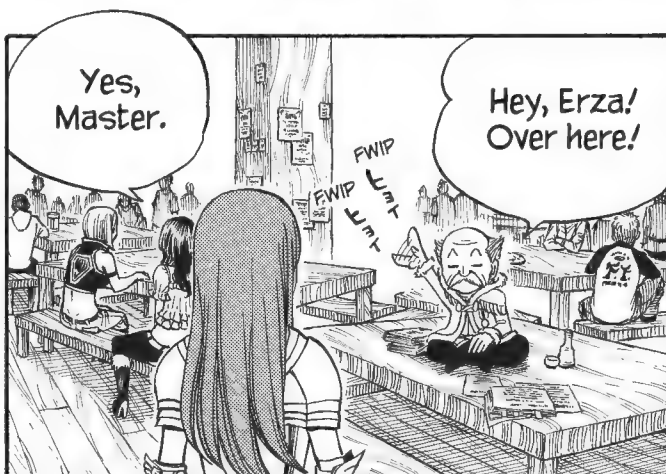














!!
RUMMMMMBLE

!!
RUMBLE...



This is bad
!!!!

The
sky
is...



Every-
body!

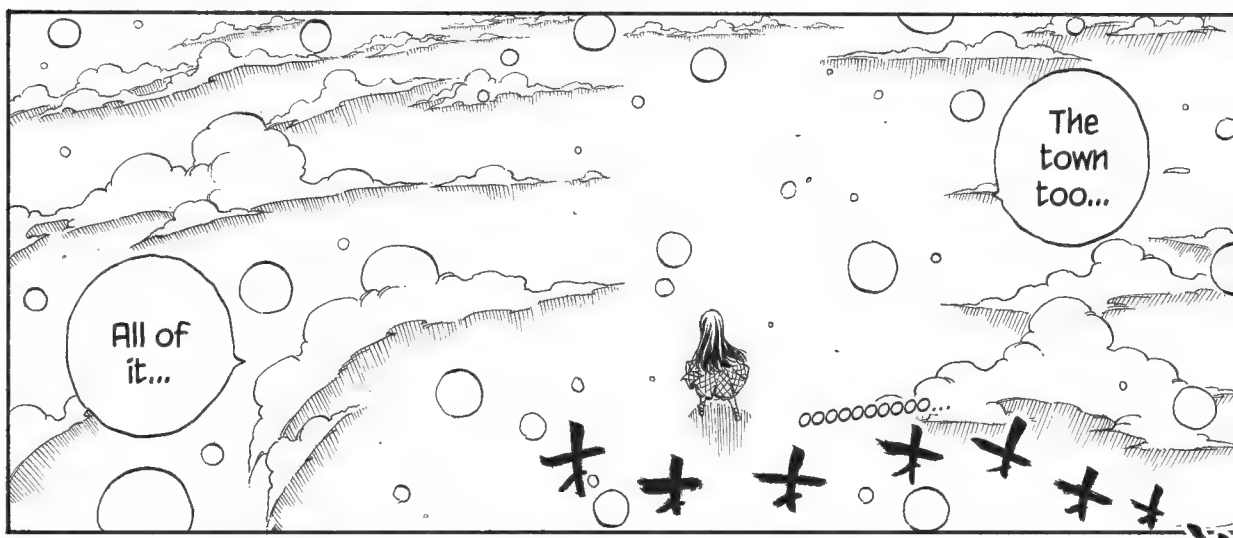
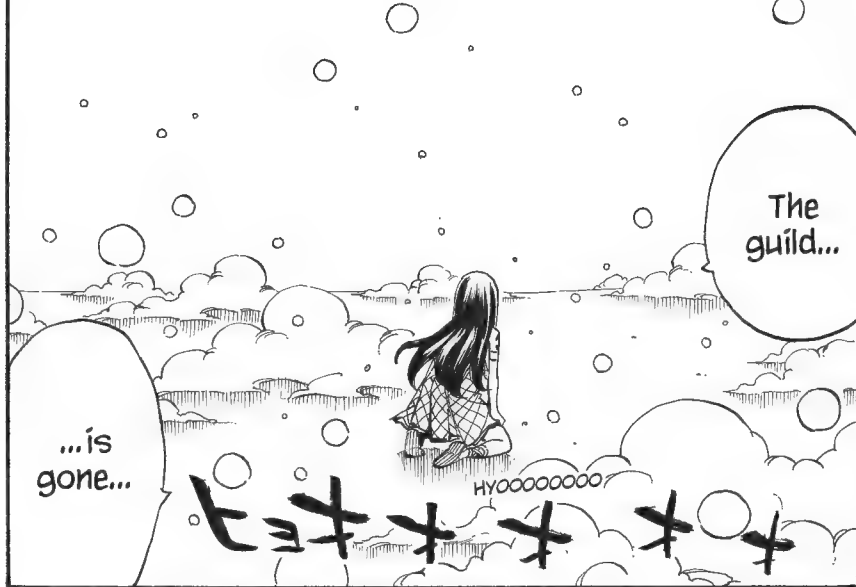


The
anima
is...











Isn't there anybody out there?!!



Just what

...
went
on
here
?!!

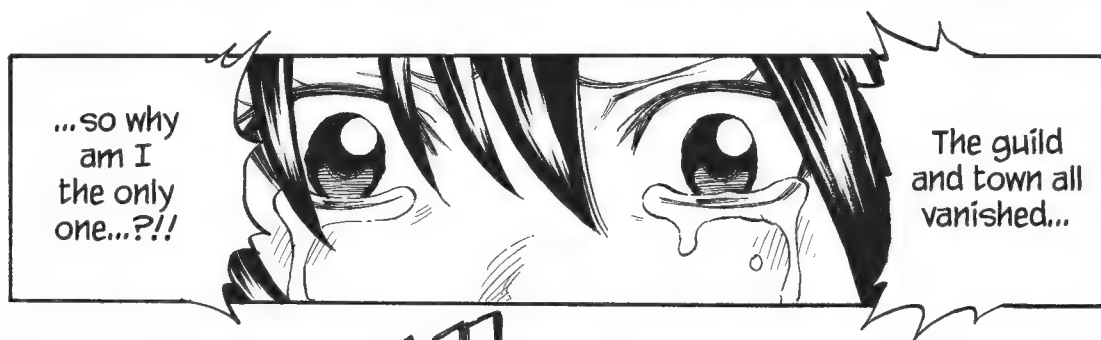


Then why am I here?

Huh?



Any... body ...?



...so why am I the only one...?!!

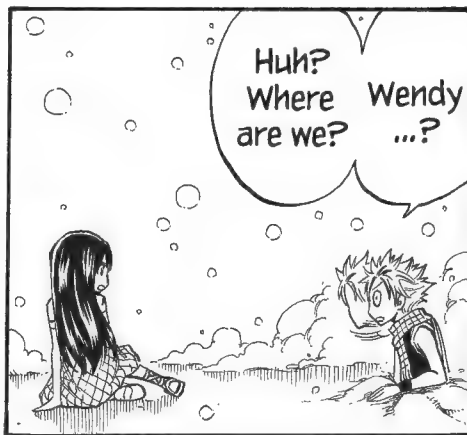
The guild and town all vanished...

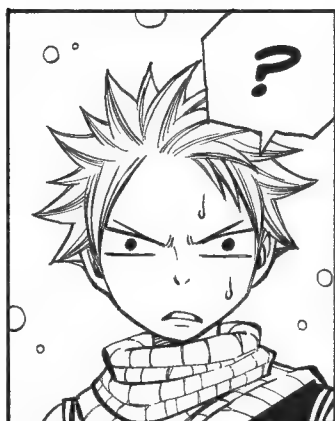


Eee!



RUSTLE





A
hole sort
of opened
up in the
sky...

...and the
guild and
town...all
got sucked
up into
it.



Maybe
!!

Only us
dragon
slayers
were left
behind
?!!



Wendy... Did
you bump
your head on
something?

SOUNDS LIKE A
BAD BUMP!



It's true!!!
We're the
only ones
who are left
behind!!!



Carla!! Thank
goodness!!
I'm so glad
you're okay!

!!

You
could
say
that.



That's
right.



I'm glad.
At least
you two are
all right.

Dragon
Slayers are
fortunate to have
a special magical
power.



NOD

...And
wait! Did they
actually
disappear?!!



I can't just let
that go! What
happened to
everybody
else...

Carla...



That hole in the
sky you saw.
That is the gate
to the world on
the other side,
Edolas.



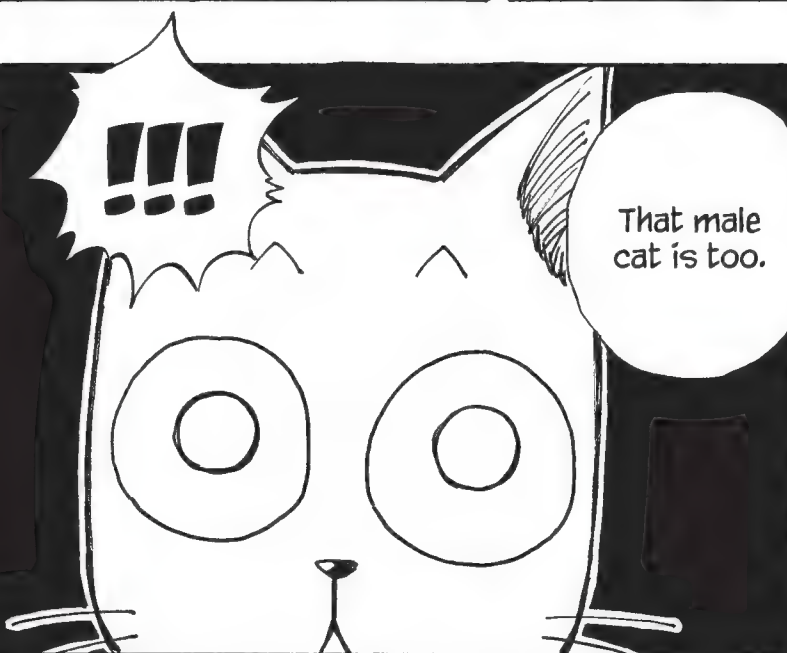
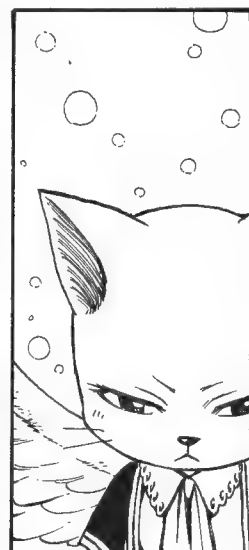
Anima
...?

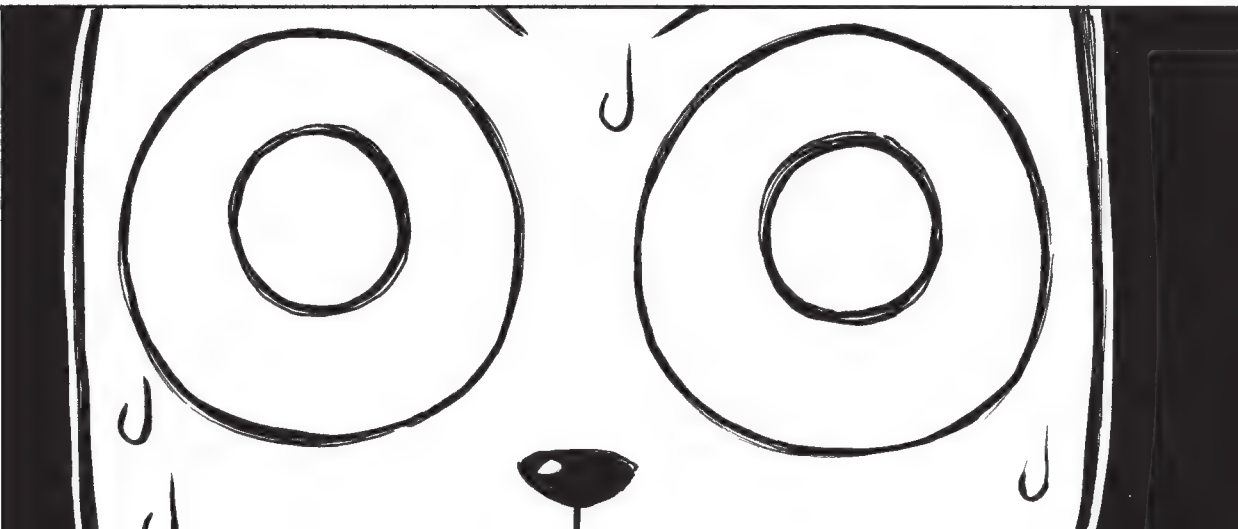
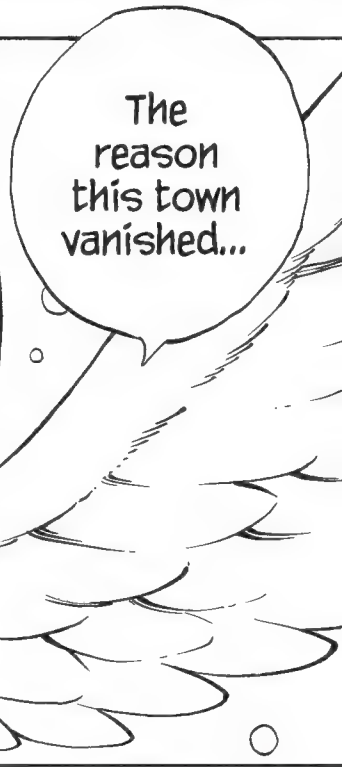
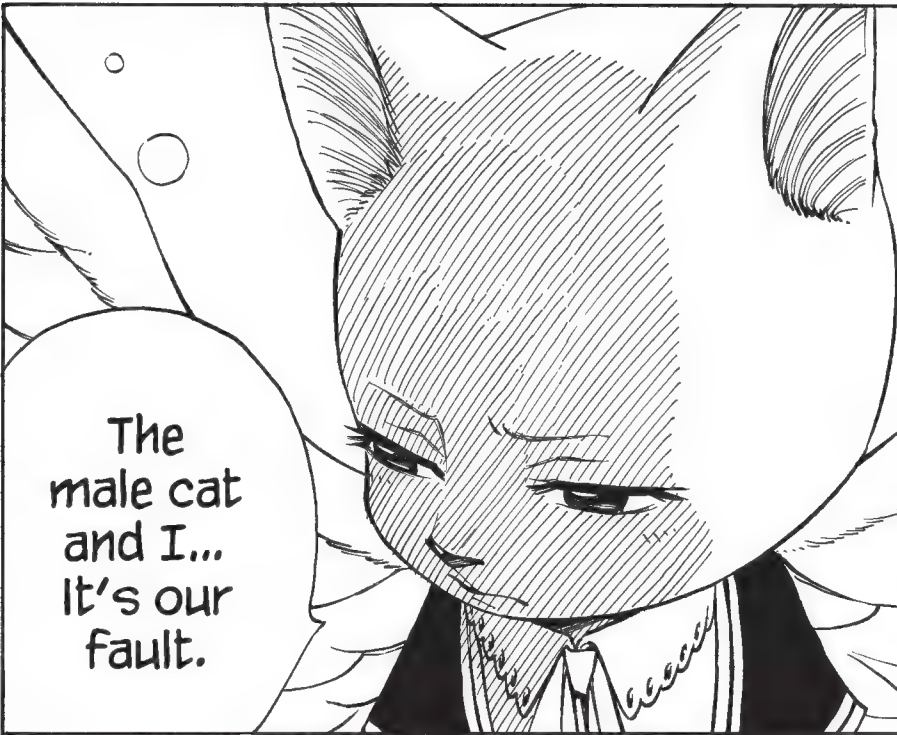
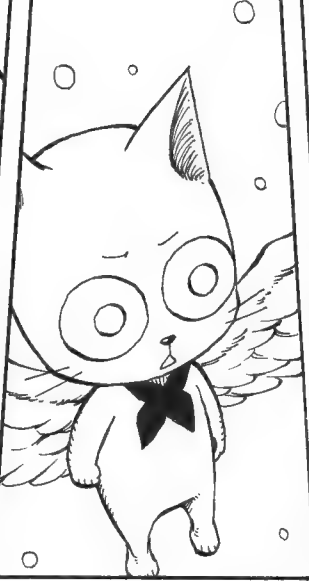
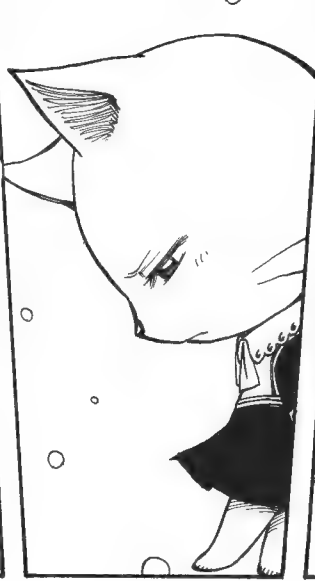
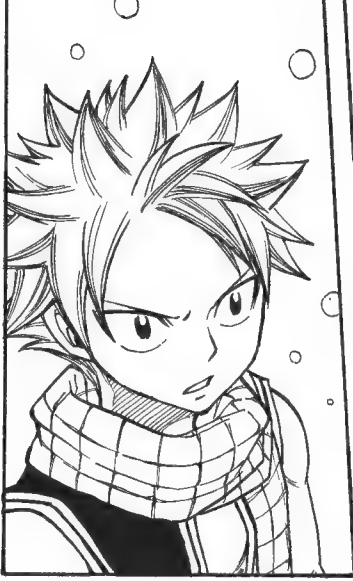


HEEEY!!
EVERYBODY!!

Yes, they
vanished.

Or to be
exact, they
were sucked
into the
anima.



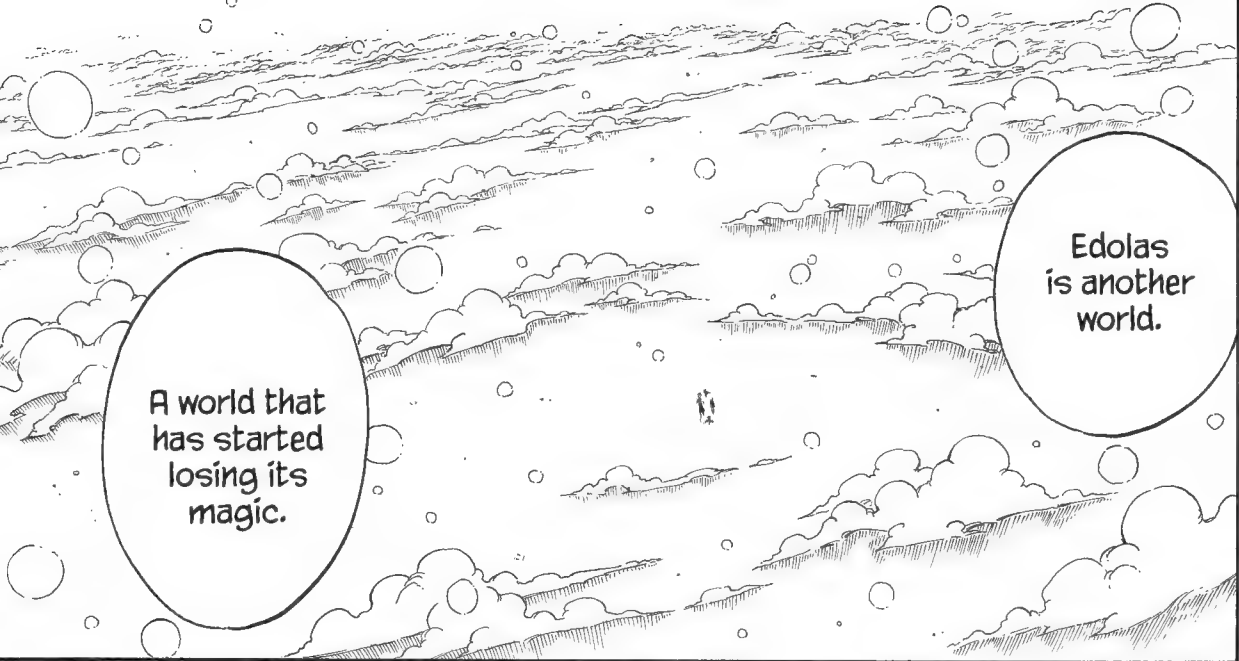


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 169, Edolas



A world that
has started
losing its
magic.

Edolas
is another
world.



The King, trying to
reverse the magic loss,
connected Edolas to
another world...this
world...with a spell
that sucks magic
out of it.



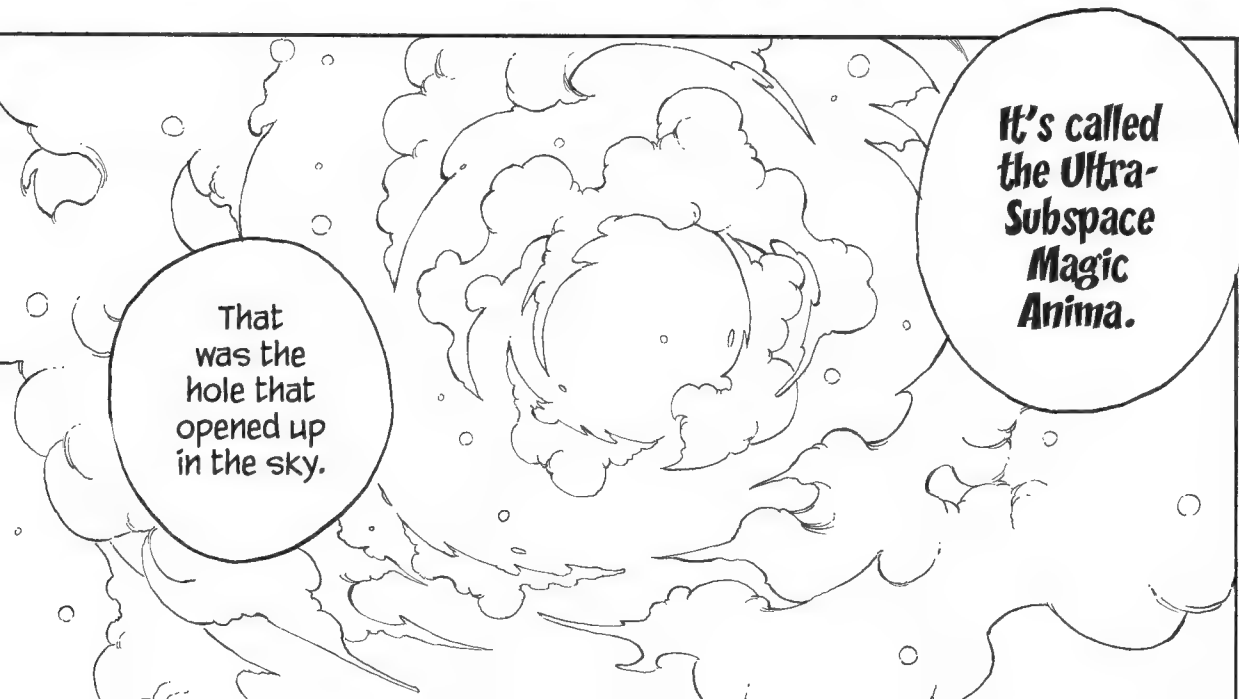
.....

Unlike
this world,
magic is
limited in
Edolas.

If they
continue to
use magic,
it will run
completely
dry.

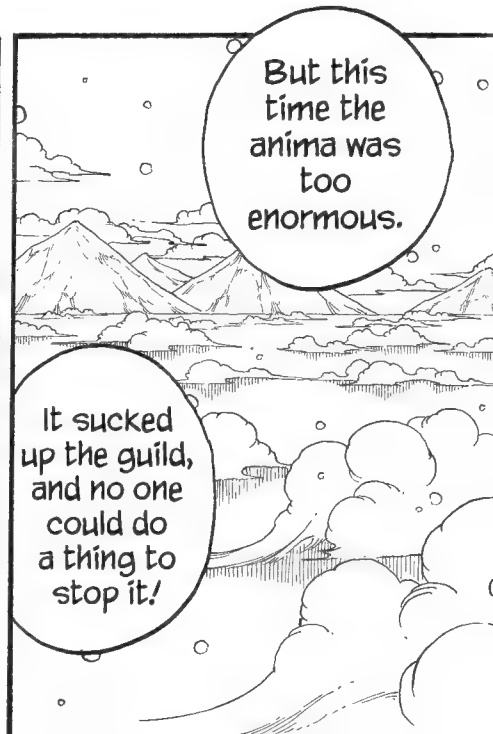
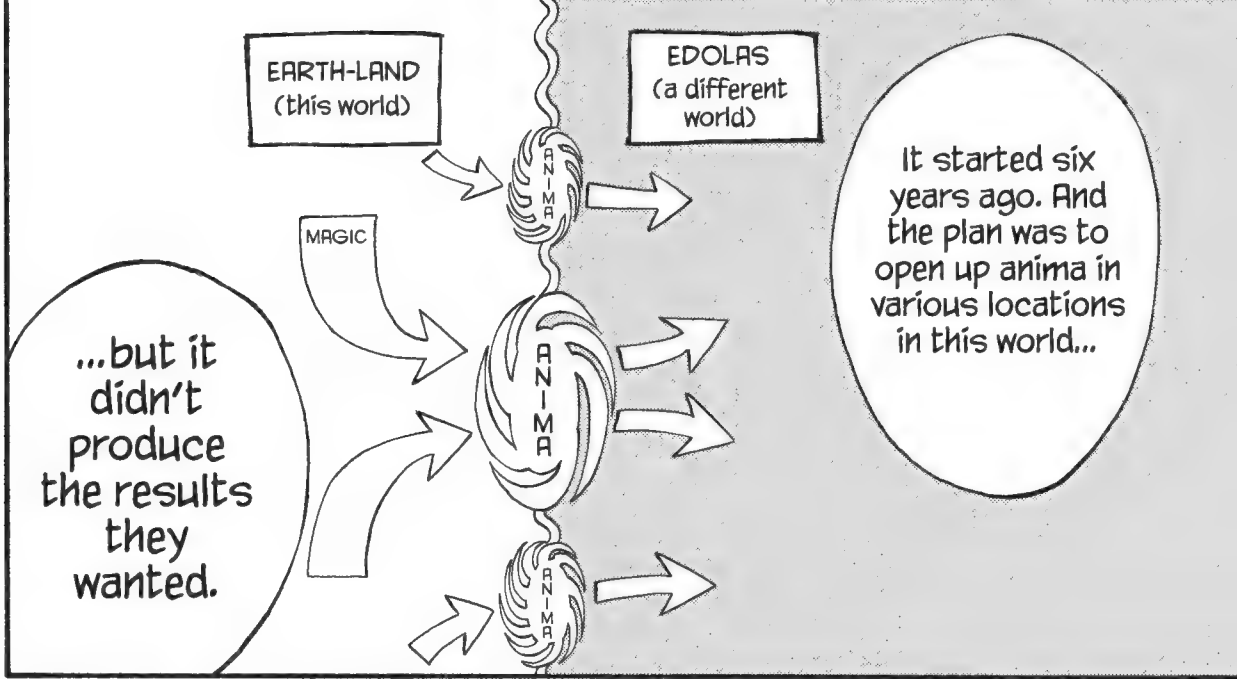


"Losing its
magic?"



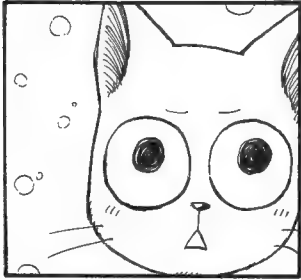
That
was the
hole that
opened up
in the sky.

It's called
the **Ultra-
Subspace
Magic
Anima.**





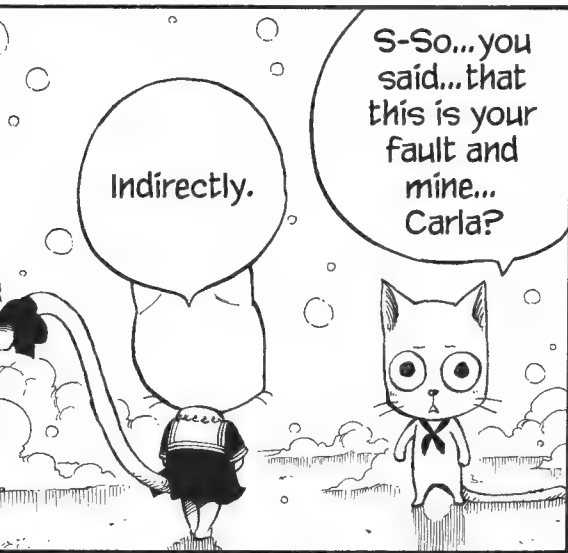
Exactly.



So that's
why they
were
targeted
?!!



Fairy Tail
has all
kinds of
extremely
powerful
wizards
!!!!



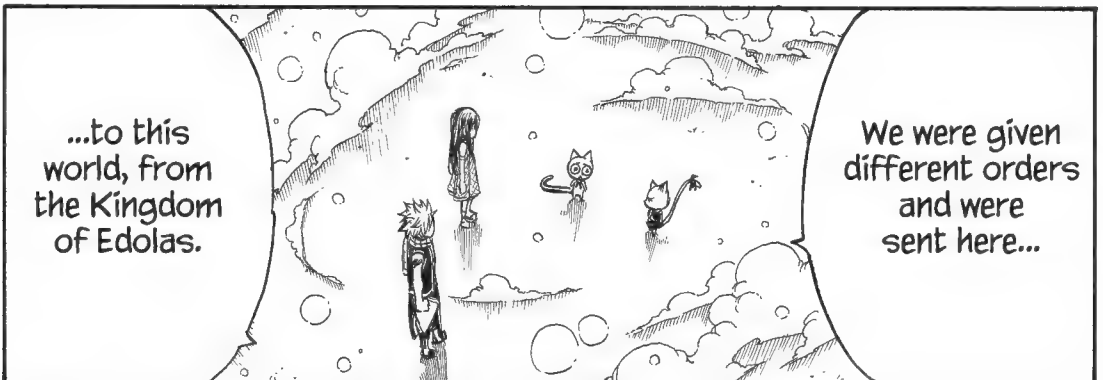
Indirectly.

S-So...you
said...that
this is your
fault and
mine...
Carla?



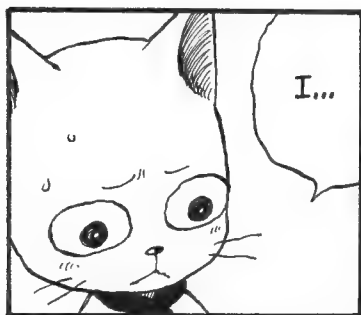
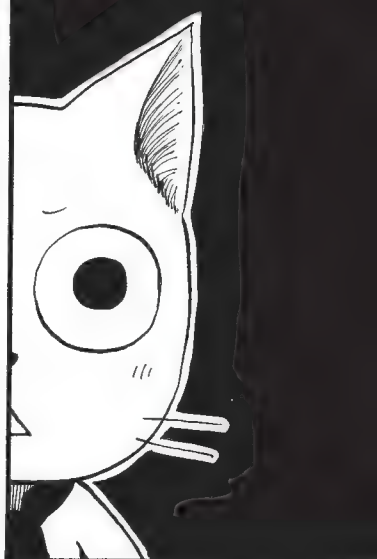
Give
everybody
back, you
jerks!!!!

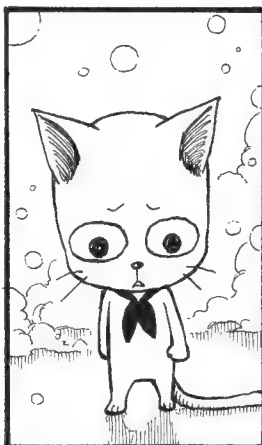
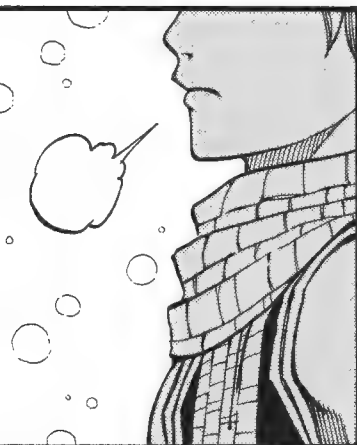
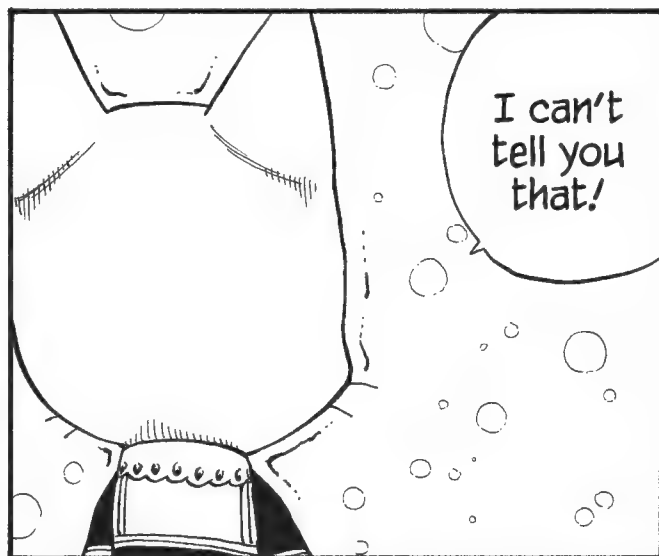
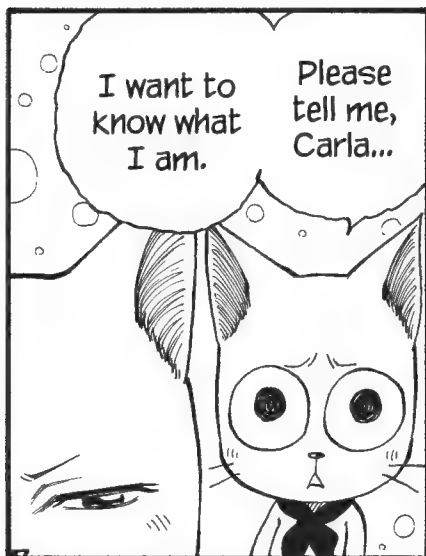
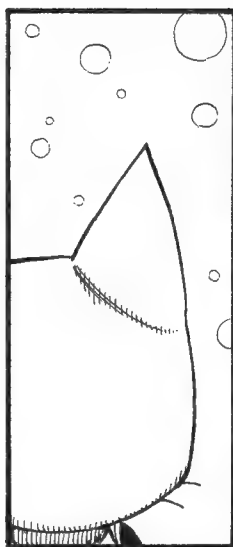
Those guys
are really
selfish, you
know!!!



...to this
world, from
the Kingdom
of Edolas.

We were given
different orders
and were
sent here...

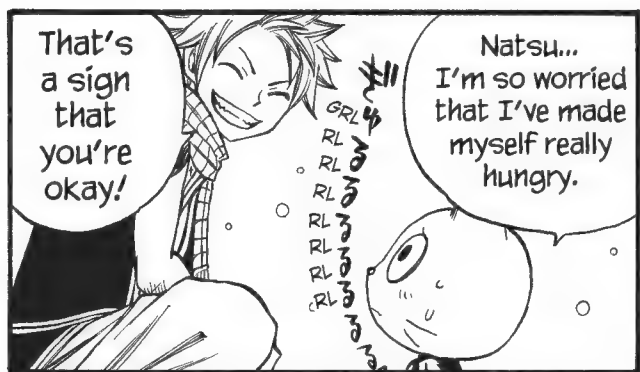






...let's go
check it
out, huh?!
This Edolas
place!

Okay
then... Now
that we've
gotten the
update...



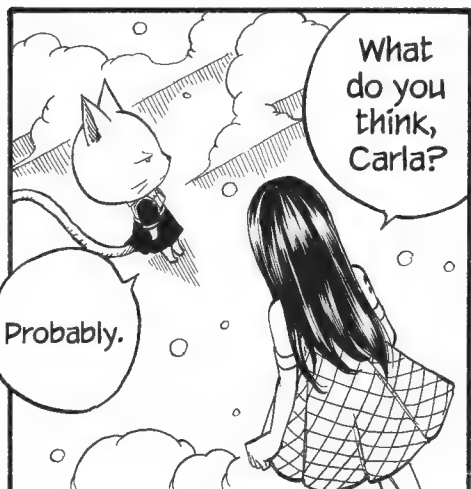
That's
a sign
that
you're
okay!

Natsu...
I'm so worried
that I've made
myself really
hungry.



And worse,
you probably
didn't under-
stand a word
I said!

You *don't*
have "the
update"
!!!



What
do you
think,
Carla?

Probably.



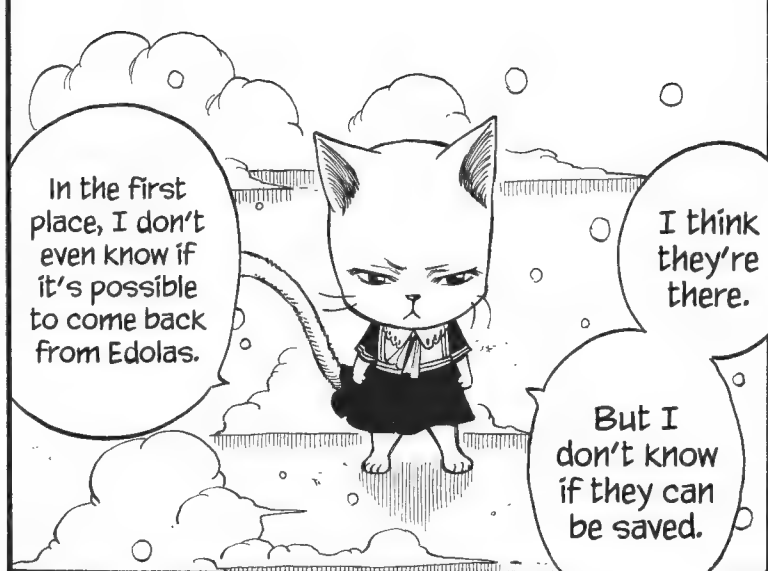
So we
have to
go out
and save
them.

Everybody
is up there
in Edolas,
right?



Well... if I don't have my friends, then I don't have much here to tie me to this world.

Aside from Igneel, that is.



In the first place, I don't even know if it's possible to come back from Edolas.

I think they're there.

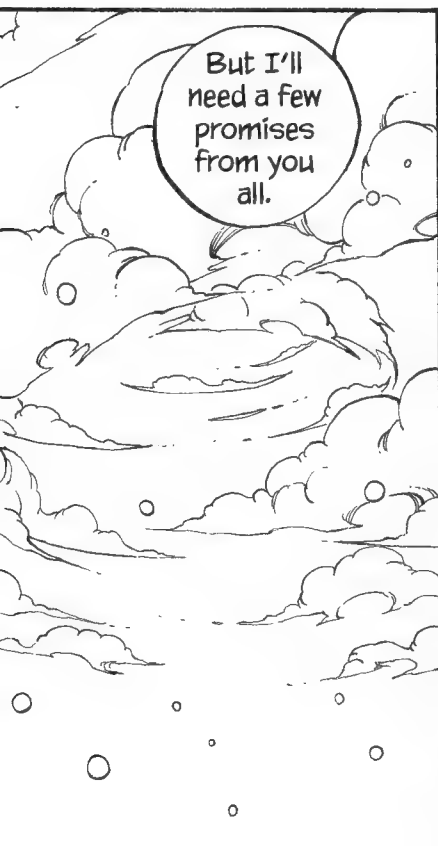
But I don't know if they can be saved.



I wonder if we *can* save everybody, huh?



Me neither!



But I'll need a few promises from you all.



Even I sort of blundered into being a Fairy Tail member.

I also feel a sense of responsibility, since my home world did this.

It isn't like I *can't* take you there...



Sure or not, it's what I've decided.

Carla, are you sure about this?

You mean me too?



So we mustn't be found by the Kingdom of Edolas. We must all go in disguise.

My going to Edolas means I'm abandoning my orders.



Finally...



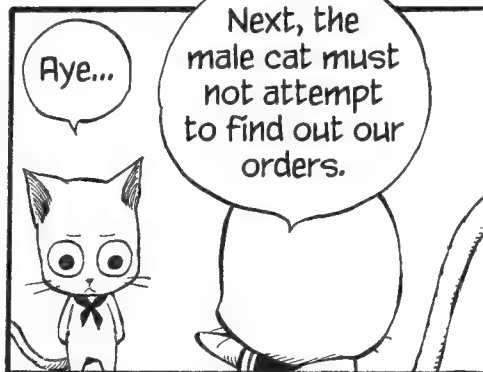
Gotcha!

I can't be any kind of guide.

Third, aside from a few items, I have no additional knowledge of Edolas.



NOO



Aye...

Next, the male cat must not attempt to find out our orders.



...you are to kill us without hesitation!

If either the male cat or I myself do anything to indicate we might betray you...



We can
enter
Edolas
through
the
remaining
traces of
the anima
!!!!

We have
to break
through
using our
Aera!!!!

GYAA

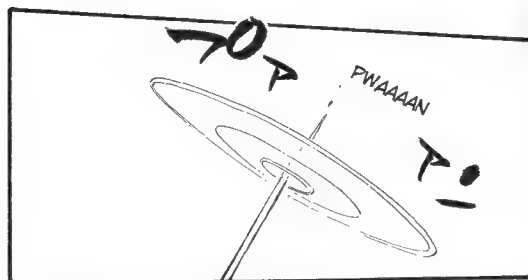
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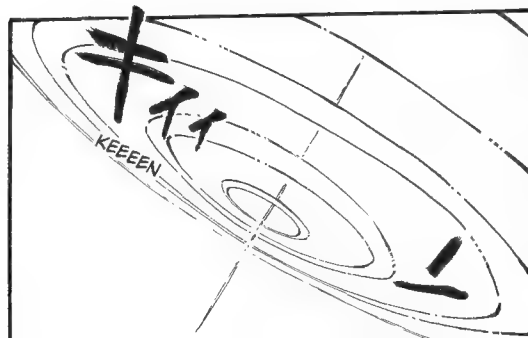
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KEEEEN

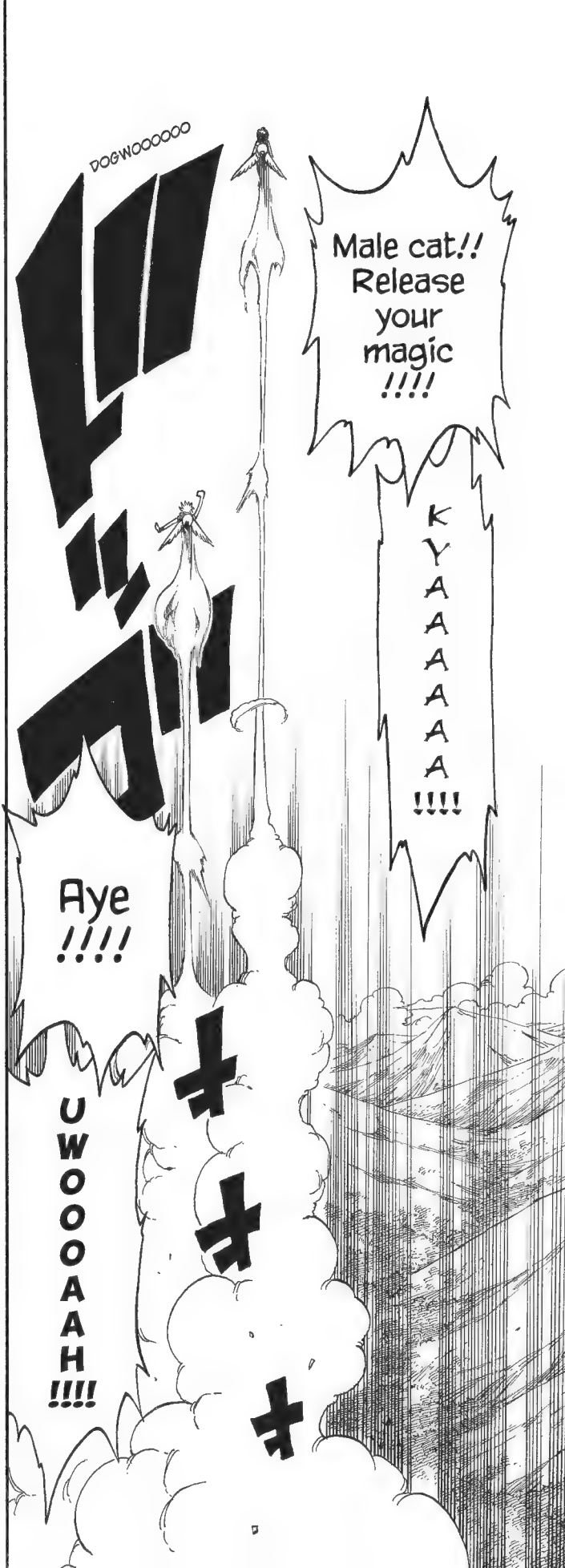
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PWAAAAAN



KEEEEN



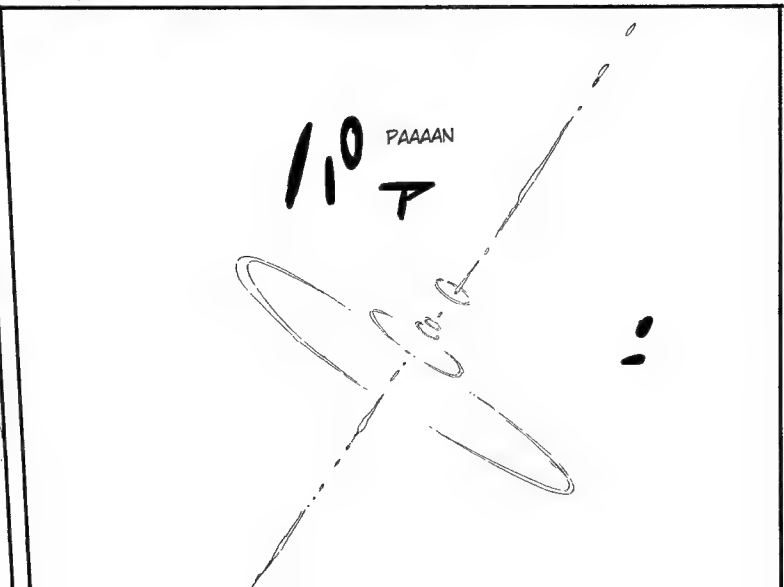
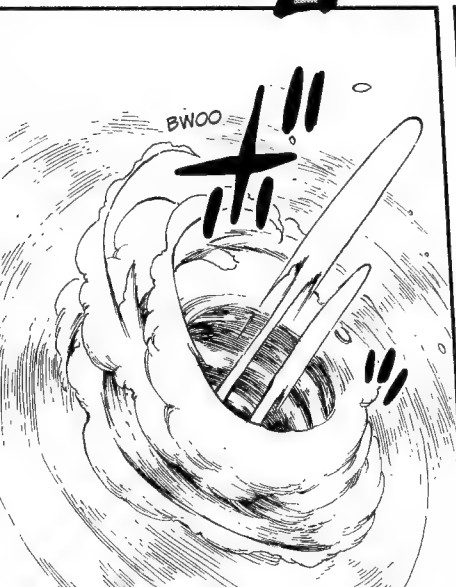
DOGWOOOOOO

Male cat!!
Release
your
magic
!!!!

K
Y
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A
A
A
!!!!

Aye
!!!!

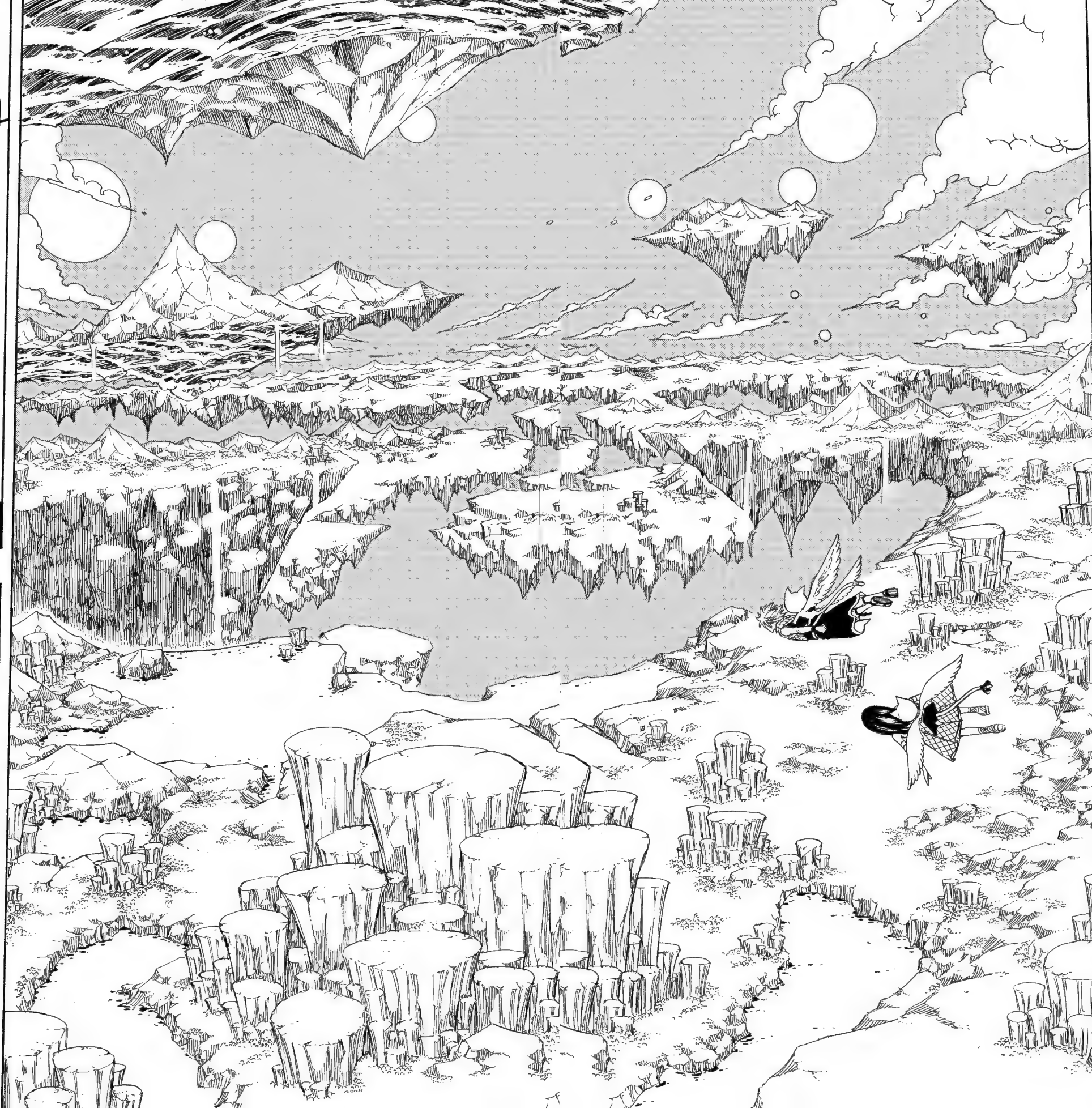
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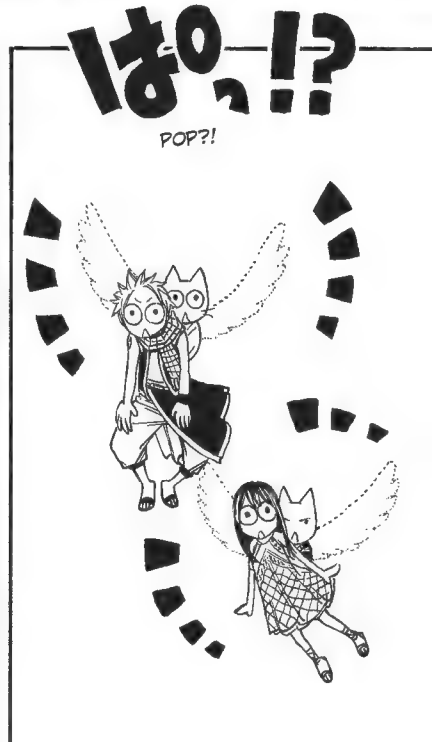
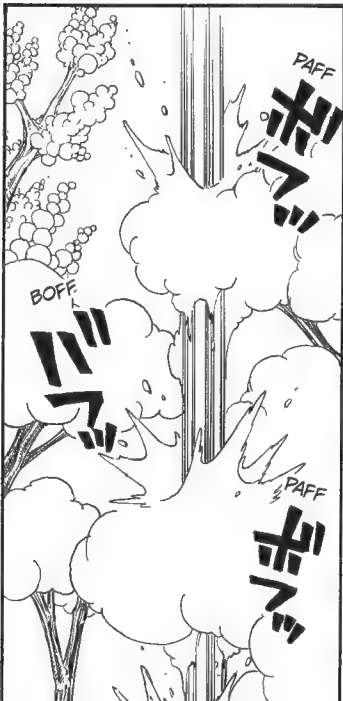
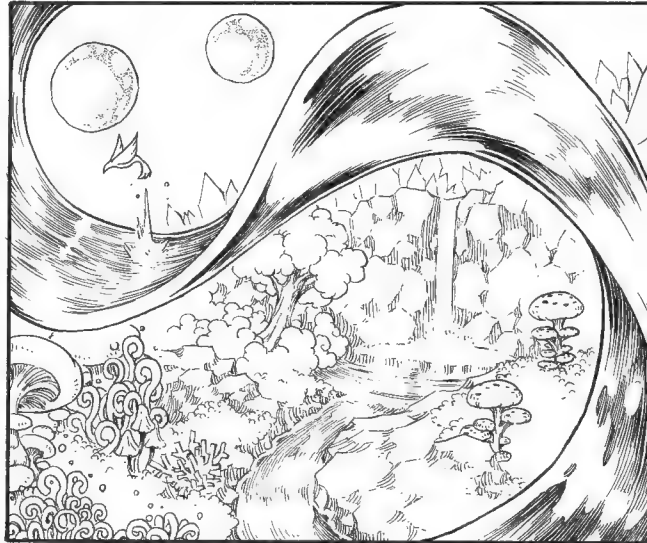
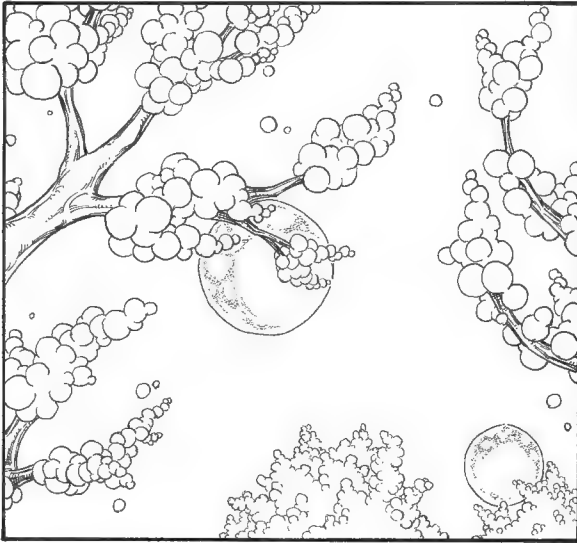


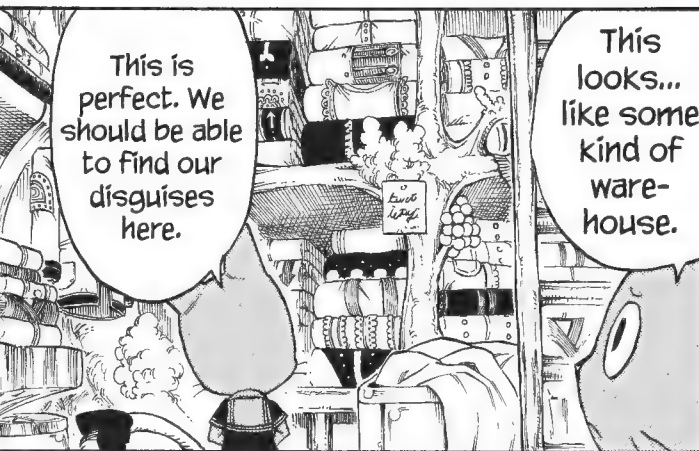
This...is
Edolas...

Ohhh!!!

These
are my
roots...

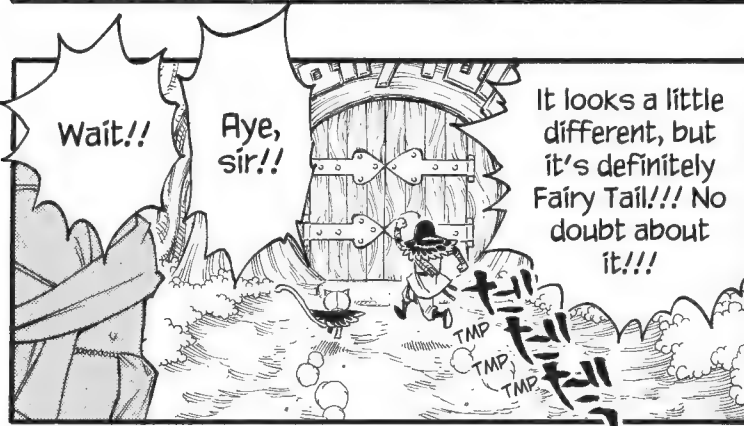








It's
Fairy
Tail!!!!



Wait!!

Aye,
sir!!

It looks a little
different, but
it's definitely
Fairy Tail!!! No
doubt about
it!!!

TMP
TMP
TMP



Wha
?!!



GRUNCH

Hold it!!!
There's some-
thing not right
here!!!

AGAH!

Ngah!



Every-
body's
okay!!!

We
found
them
easy!



W-Wait
for me,
Juvia-
chan!



Juvia will
be going
on a job
now.

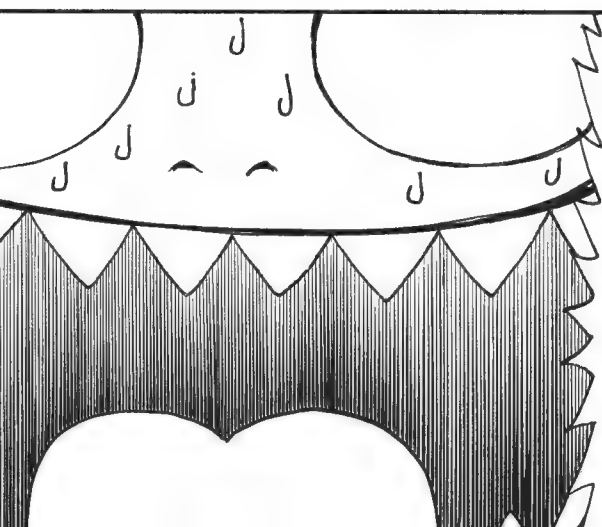


.....
Wha...?!

You must
be broiling!
How many
jackets are
you wearing?



I wanna go
with you...
Is that
okay?

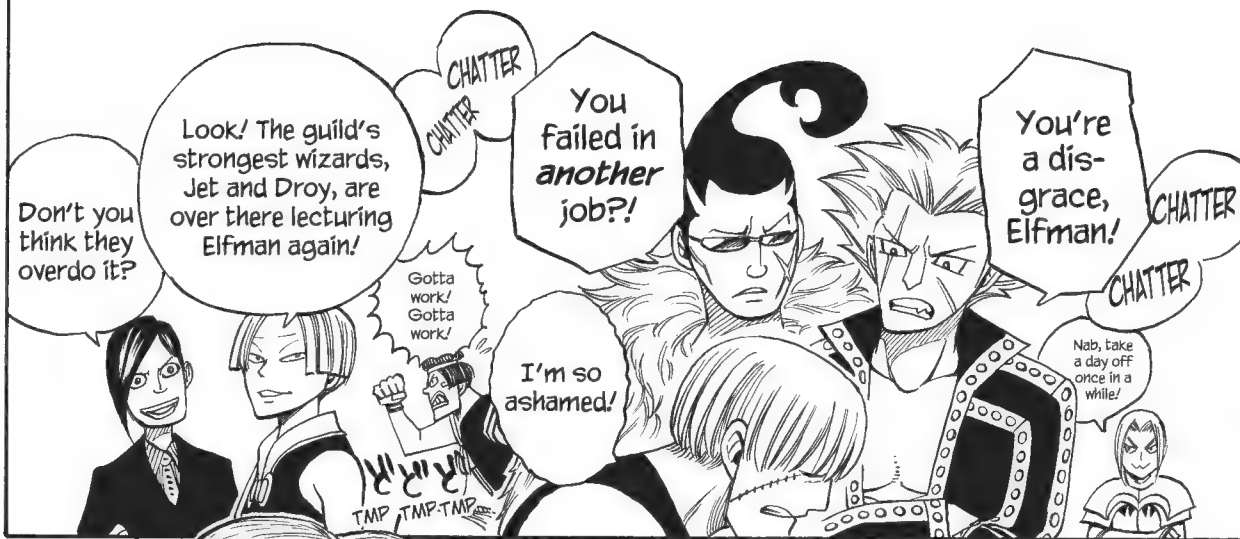


**WHAT
IS THIS
SUPPOSED
TO BE
?!!!**

Y-You know
I can't
stand the
cold!!

Ask again
when you
lose a few
layers.







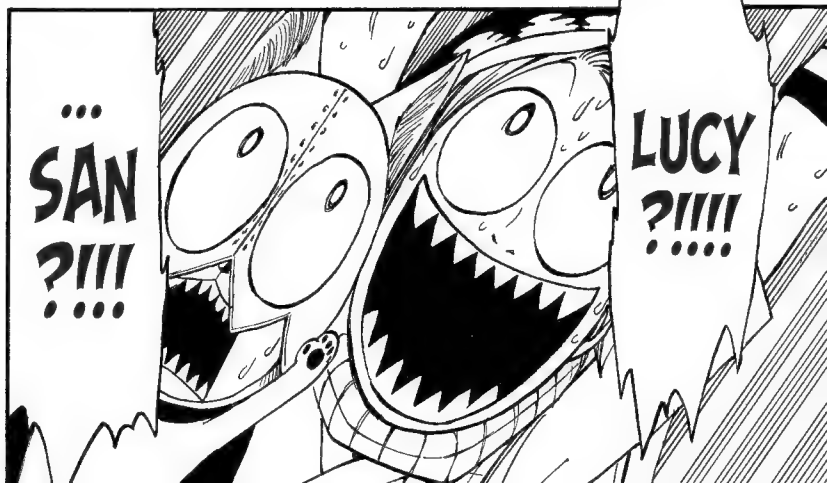


And
whaddya
think yer
doin' sneaking
around down
there?



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world...is
going on
here?

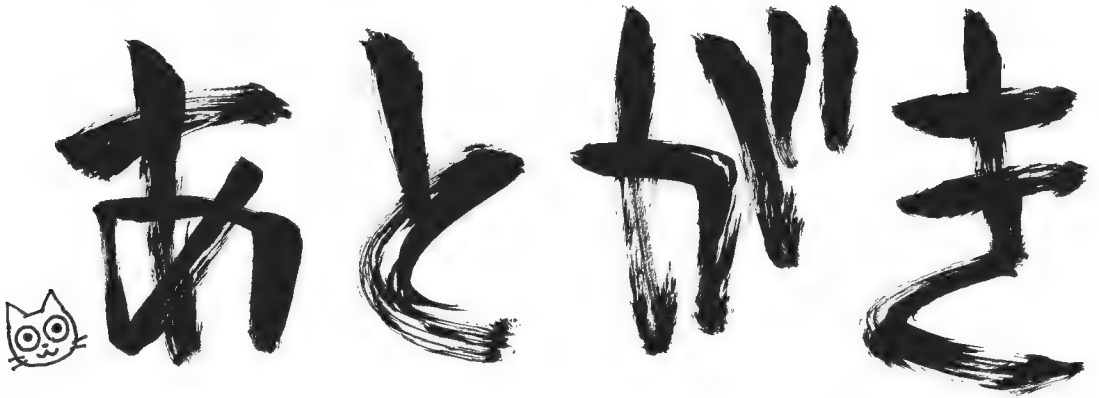
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...
SAN
?!!!
....

LUCY
?!!!!

Afterword



Made it to 20 volumes!! Everybody, thank you so much for always being there!! This time, I'm going to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported this effort! I could never have kept this up this long alone, so I want to show my gratitude to everyone connected with Fairy Tail! Of course that includes you readers. You don't know how much your letters of support keep me going... Really! My appreciation knows no bounds!

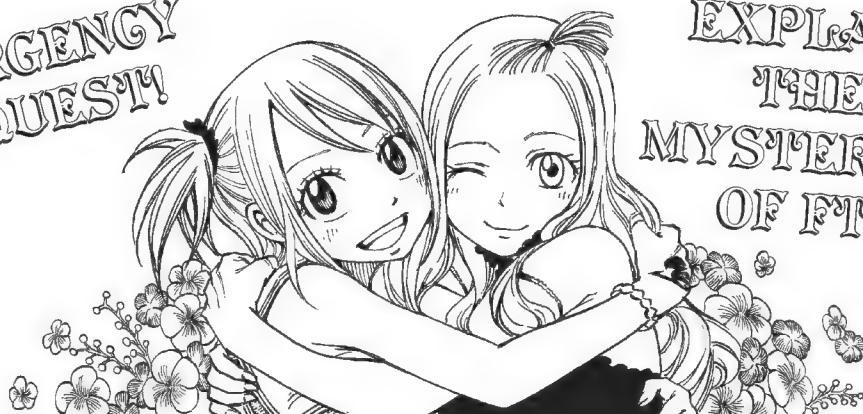
By the way, counting my other series and short story collections, this makes my 66th graphic novel volume. That's a pretty impressive number too, huh? There sure are a huge number of drawings... But I'm determined to try even harder from here on out! Probably.

Now this volume marks the start of the Edolas story, but it's also the Happy story that I mentioned a little while ago. I go and say, "Someday I want to do that!" and then I go and do it right off the bat. That's so like me! I can't tell for sure exactly what kind of story it'll turn out to be, but I predict that there will be tons of plot twists like you've never seen before! What's going to happen?

Come to think of it, there was one more really big event in here! The arrival of Gildarts! What a dumb-looking old guy, huh? He was kind of dumb in his early concepts too, but when I had the idea of the town split in two, I thought, "Ah! I'm the real dummy here!"

EMERGENCY
REQUEST!

EXPLAIN
THE
MYSTERIES
OF FT!



At the Fairy Tail Counter

Lucy: Lovely ♡ Mira-saan!

Mira: Lovely ♡ Lucy!



: Twinkle, twinkle huuug ♡

Mira: I think that should do it, huh? Lucy?



: Um... We're not going to do this every time, are we?



: Of course we are! This is our new standard pose everybody will be expecting!

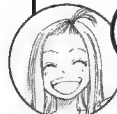
Lucy: But it's got nothing to do with the question corner.

Mira: Our first question is...

When Racer
was fighting
Gray



...not this, but
a different question
altogether!



: Ehhhhhhhhhhhh?!!

Mira: I think...we've had enough Racer questions, don't you?

Lucy: Y-Yeah, I guess. Everybody, let's keep those questions to ourselves, okay?

I've got a question!! Is it possible for Aquarius and Scorpio to get married? Can they have kids?



Mira: What do you say, Lucy?

Lucy: U-Um... That's a hard question...

Mira: I think they should be able to. Only natural, right?

Lucy: Hmm... I'd feel sorry for them if they weren't able to do those things...



: I wonder what kind of kids they might have. A huge urn with scorpion legs coming out of it maybe...



: Eeeeeee!!!!

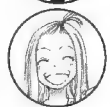
Mira: With a fishtail attached to the back...

Lucy: Kyaaaaaaa!!!

Mira: With the face of a bull.



: Now you're mixing in things completely unrelated!!!



: So everybody, that ends it for today! All done!

Twinkle, twinkle, huuuug!



: I don't think we answered *any* questions this time.

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▼ Whoa-ho!! Everybody's so cute!! And the dotted line outline is cute too!



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▼ It's rare to see an illustration of Jura-san! And because it's rare, here it is!



Yamanashi Prefecture, Zeri ☆ Ri

▼ Whoa-ho! Now this one is sexy! I... have a weakness for this kind of thing!



Hokkaido, I Want to Be in Fairy Tail!!

▼ If you say Fairy Tail's best couple(?), it's probably these two, maybe.



Kanagawa Prefecture, Hikaru Shiina

▼ Lucy and Aquarius!! Very well done!



Hyogo Prefecture, Kisshii

▼ Bold Natsu striking a brave pose! The moment before his fire comes roaring out!!



Nara Prefecture: Akari

▼ Ohh!! The black really highlights the image Cool!!



Saitama Prefecture, Miyu Katayama

▼ Thank you!! Aye, I love you right back!! Yahoo!



Gifu Prefecture, Anna Izumi

▼ Gray's popularity is on a steep up-tick because of the anime!!

I-I never expected anybody to send in this character... It came in out of the blue...



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Aichi, Michael

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Hokkaido, Reina Saito

▼ Look at all the guild masters lined up! Gah!



Aichi Prefecture, Rasshi ☆

▼ They had so many fans that they actually made it into Fairy Tail.

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



That was quick! We're already at Volume 20!

At first, this was just a story of Natsu going off on a search for Igneel, but that story has been put on the shelf. And while I've been fooling around with other things, before I know it, it's Volume 20!

Maybe I should get started on that Igneel story... And while I'm saying that, there's been another plot twist... What's going to happen...? What's going on in my brain...?

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 4, Fight for Right

In Japanese this was a phrase that meant both “fighting evil,” and “walking the narrow path of righteousness.” It is also something that comes out a bit like a slogan, so it seemed that “Fight for Right” would be a close translation.

Page 15, Shiranui-gata

Shiranui literally means “unknown fire,” and it can be used to describe the mysterious lights you see on the ocean, or bioluminescence. Natsu’s probably using it because he doesn’t know where the fire Jellal fed him came from.



Page 32, Host

As people familiar with Japanese culture would know, the “host” is taken from the word “hostess,” which has taken on the meaning in Japan of a woman who works in a bar making conversation and drinking with the male customers. The host here is the male version of that: A generally good-looking young adult man who drinks with female patrons and amuses them with conversation and flattery.

Page 67, Nabura

As listed in the notes for the previous volume, *nabura* is a word of unknown meaning that the master of Cait Shelter, Robaul, says often. Not even his guild members know what it means, so the reader is left to guess.

Page 68, “Now Ichiya...” “Now Ichiya?”

This is a kind of song that is often heard in Japanese festivals where a master-of-ceremonies-like person calls out a word or phrase and the crowd is supposed to repeat it. However they can repeat it as a question or a statement, so the song can be thought of as a sort of limited conversation between the caller and the crowd.

Page 68, Wa-hoo

In Japanese, this was *Wa-shoi*, which is a common response from a crowd during festival songs and activities. It's most commonly found when groups in festivals are bearing Shinto shrine or Buddhist altar floats on their shoulders and carrying the portable shrines in a parade-like fashion. Unfortunately this nuance was difficult to put in the English, so I substituted a similar-sounding happy shout instead.



Page 87, Forms

This was a way that Lucy referred to her Celestial Spirits back in Volume 1. See the notes in Volume 1 for more information on "counter" words and why I chose "forms" as my translation for it in the first place.

Page 148, My Ears Hurt

He doesn't mean physically, of course. This is a standard idiom meaning that the listener is hearing something that they really don't want to hear. I could have translated it more culturally, but I think the meaning still comes through with a literal translation of the Japanese.

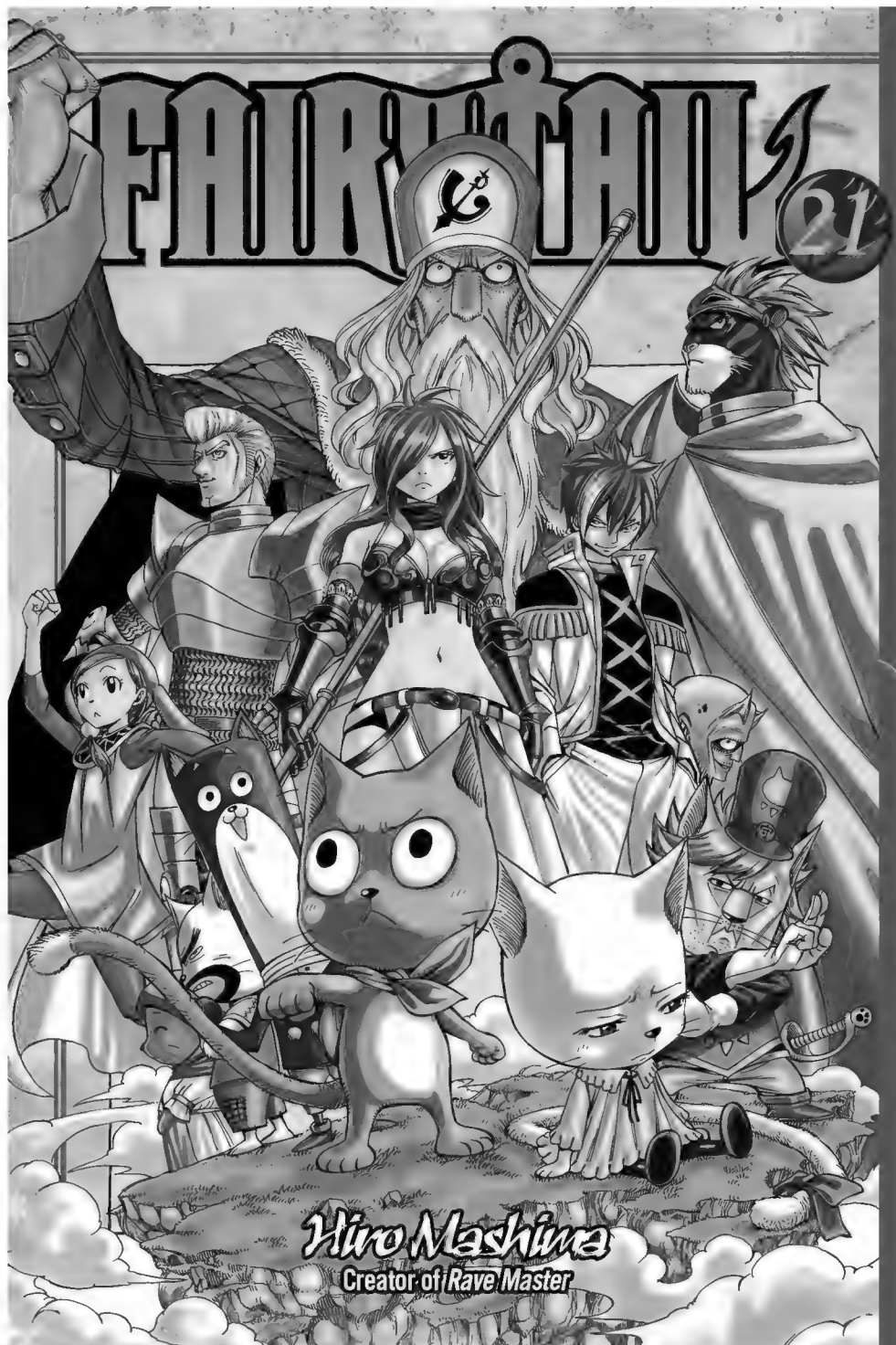
Page 188, ...san

Sometimes having Japanese honorifics left in the translation makes a passage easier to translate. In this case, Happy realizes that Lucy is a lot tougher and worthy of respect than the Lucy he knows. So whereas with the regular Lucy, they're close enough that he doesn't have to use honorifics, he adds the honorific to this Lucy so as not to offend her.



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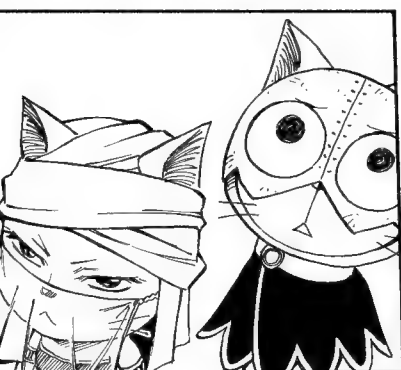




GWA-
HAH!

Now that I
look closer,
it's *you*,
Natsu!!!!

GRAKAKK



Who's the
little girl
and the
cats?

What's
with the
clothes?!

That's
Natsu?

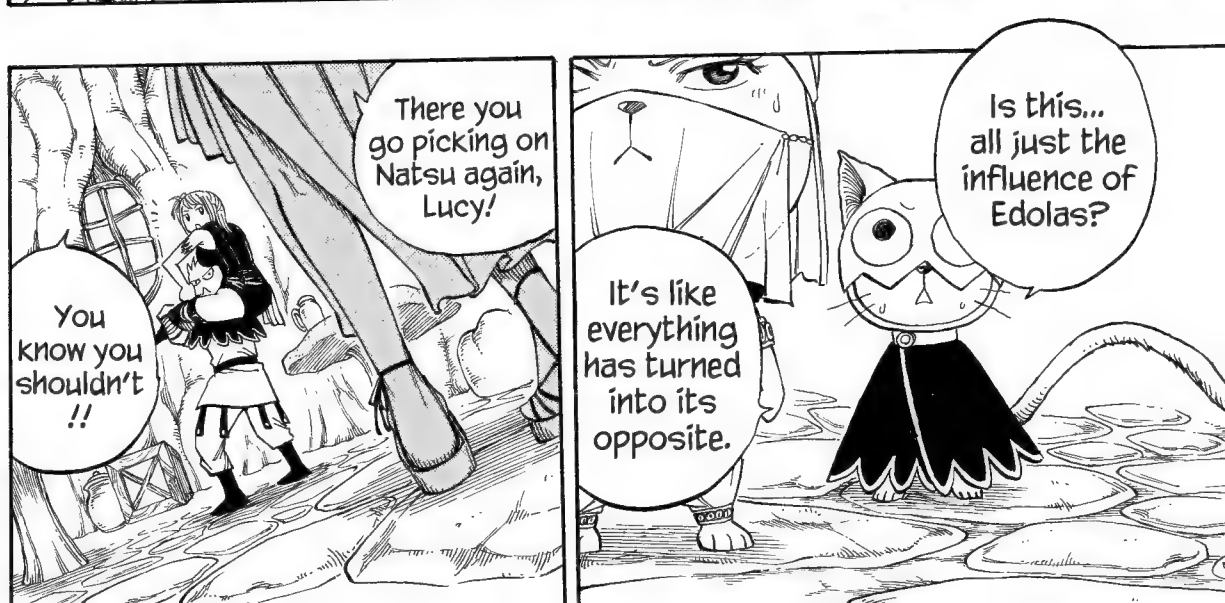
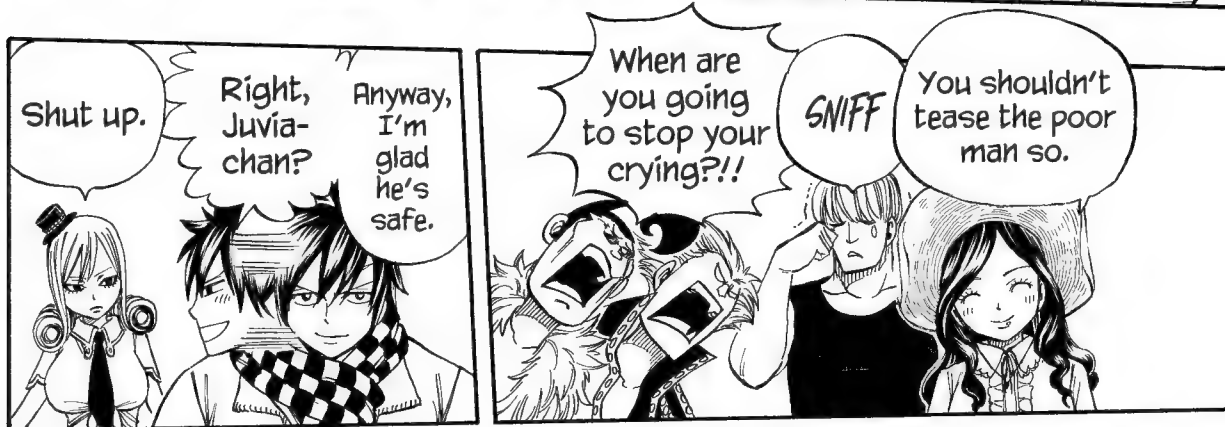


Lucy...



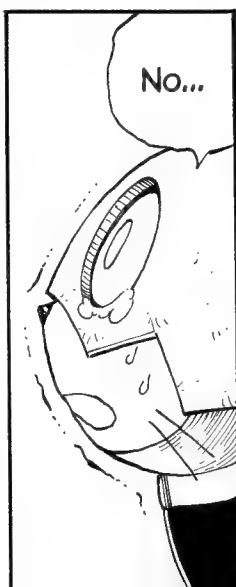
Where...

...have
you been
all this
time...?
You made
me worry
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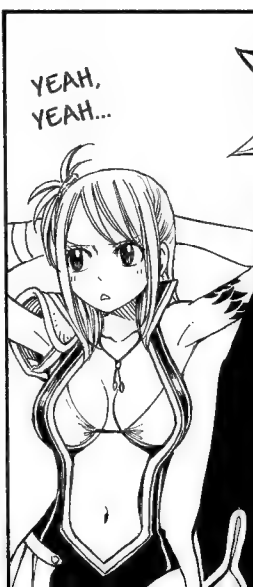




Also, Jet
and Droy, you
two have to stop
picking on my
brother
Elfman!



No...



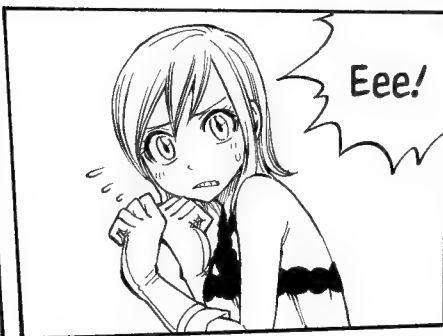
YEAH,
YEAH...



Lisanna
...



Lisanna
!!!!



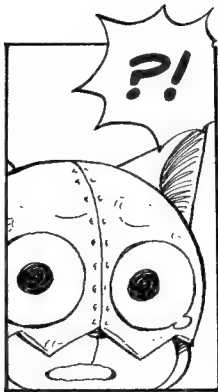
Take
off some
clothes,
Gray...

Hey, sit down
and let's catch up!
Just like two close
friends like us
always do!

But...
Lisanna is
alive... Right
there...

**Huh
?!**

When did
you start
acting like
such a
beast?!



So it *isn't* that everyone here is the opposite.



Mira-san's little sister...? I remember somebody saying that she was dead.



H-How can Lisanna be here...?



You think so?

Hey, don't you think that little girl looks like *you*, Wendy?

But the clincher is *that* woman over there.

That's me? !!!



It's the same Mira as always.

Natsu! Welcome back!

Look.

In a way that's a letdown.



These people...

...aren't the people we're looking for!



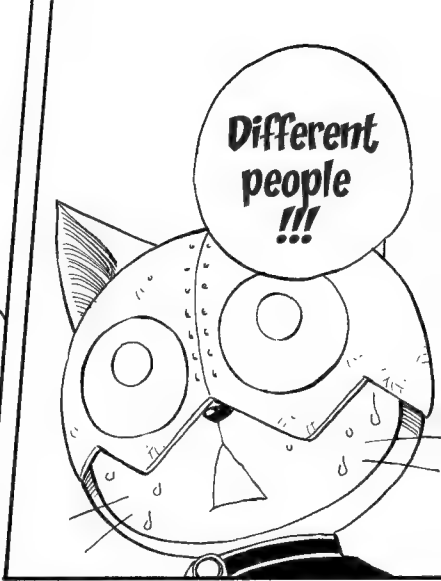
No, they're not the opposite. They're just different!



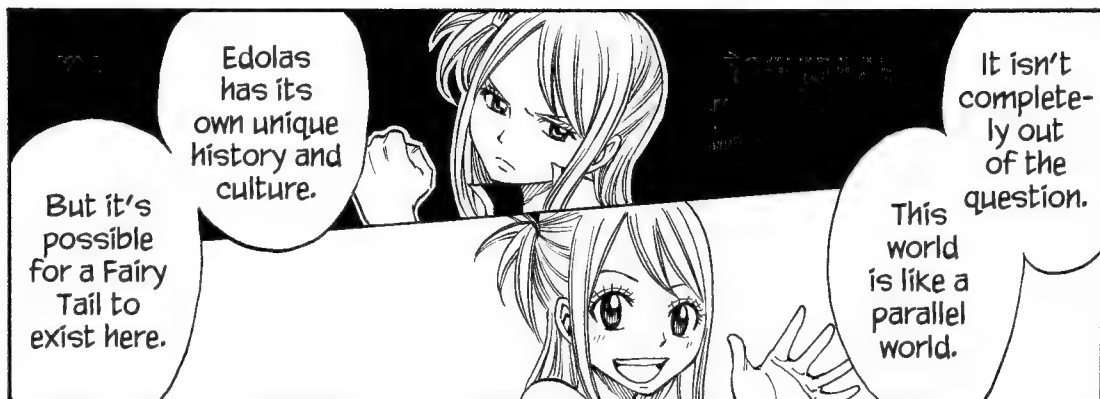
... here
in Edolas
from the
start?!



These
people
have
been...



Different
people
!!!



Edolas
has its
own unique
history and
culture.

But it's
possible
for a Fairy
Tail to
exist here.

It isn't
completely
out of the
question.

This
world
is like a
parallel
world.



What are
you guys
prattling
on about
?

Then where
is everybody
that *we*
know?!!

How should
I know?! We
have to go out
looking for
them, right?



You're
kidding
...!!!

This is a
Fairy Tail
that was
always on
Edolas?!

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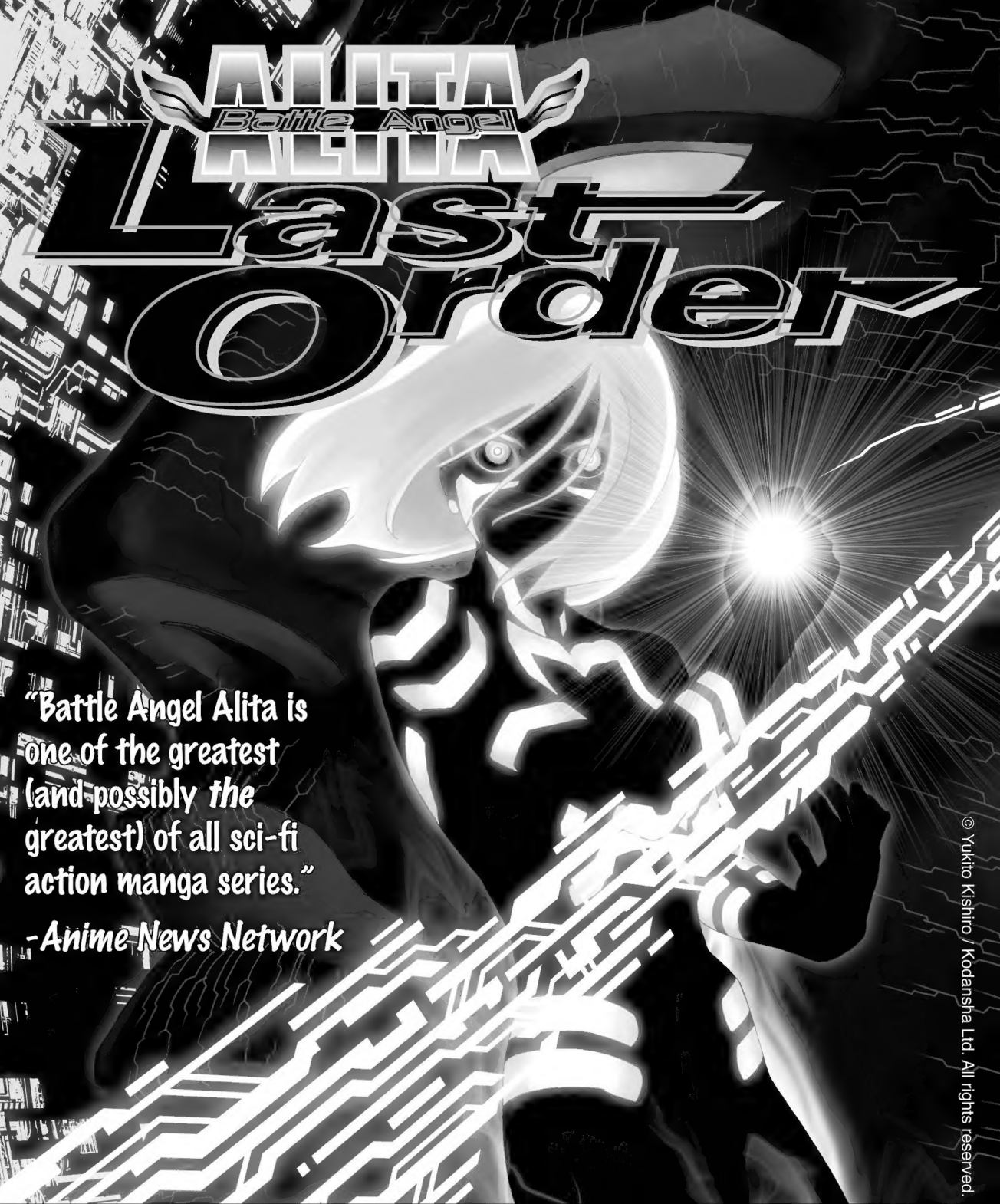


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